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Andropov hits back with threat of new sea missiles

From Richard Owen, Moscow

President Andropov last night stated categorically that the Geneva talks on medium-range nuclear missiles had broken down...

Soviet Union had "abrogated" its self-imposed moratorium on the deployment of SS20s in Europe...

statement appeared partly designed to calm rumours about his health and to make clear that he is still in command of Soviet policy despite Kremlin manoeuvring...

Ford faces complete shutdown

Ford Motor Company faces a complete shutdown in the new year as shop stewards urge the company's 44,500 manual workers to reject the 7.5 per cent pay offer next week...

Space doubts

Doubts about the Soviet space programme remain despite the safe return of two cosmonauts who spent 150 days on board Salyut 7

Medicine on trial

Britain's first scientific trial comparing conventional and alternative medicine could come in the field of back pain, after a feasibility study by the Medical Research Council

Opera pledge

The Royal Opera House has pledged to cut costs by £600,000 a year if the Government rescues it from its present financial crisis. The company is set to lose £1.4m this year

Treason term

A young Afrikaner who belongs to the African National Congress and advocates violence to overthrow apartheid, was jailed for 15 years for high treason in Johannesburg

Glenn's gloom

Senator John Glenn's presidential hopes are on the wane. A film about his life has failed at the box office

Divers foiled

British Nuclear Fuels' divers foiled attempts yesterday by Greenpeace divers to block the under-sea waste pipe from the Sellafield nuclear processing plant in Cumbria

End of classic

Outstanding debts have brought the end of the Bob Hope Classic golf tournament, which has been held at Moor Park for the past four years

UK trade balance plunges to £429m deficit

Britain's trade balance with the rest of the world plunged into the red last month, recording a deficit of £429m after a surplus of £145m in September...

Arafat to quit Tripoli as part of PLO truce

Damascus (Reuters) - Supporters and opponents of Mr Yasser Arafat, leader of the Palestine Liberation Organization, agreed yesterday to an indefinite truce in the north Lebanese port of Tripoli...



Proud moment: Mother Teresa of Calcutta receiving the insignia of the Honorary Order of Merit from the Queen yesterday at the presidential palace in Delhi.

Gunmen kidnap stores chief

Five armed men, some dressed as policemen, kidnapped a senior executive of one of Ireland's multi-million pound stores empires yesterday as he drove his daughter aged 13 to school in the suburbs of Dublin...

Don't throw us to lions, says Kaunda

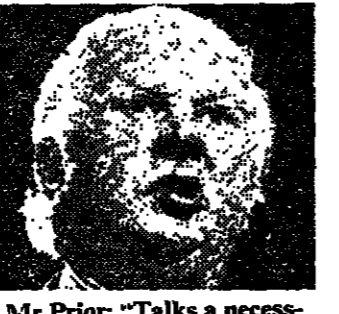
African leaders yesterday shattered the tranquility of the Commonwealth heads of government meeting in Delhi by denouncing Caribbean supporters of the American invasion of Grenada...

Rolls-Royce wins £200m Dutch order

Rolls-Royce, the state-owned aero-engine manufacturer, yesterday secured a £200m order for 100 of its newly-developed Tay engines from Dutch plane-maker Fokker (Andrew Cornallus writes).

Prior offers all-party talks on security

Mr James Prior, the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, has offered new all-party talks on security in the province in an attempt to encourage the Official Unionist Party to return to the Northern Ireland Assembly...



Mr Prior: "Talks a necessary step"

Sogat defies injunction to end magazine 'blacking'

In another big challenge to the Government's labour laws members of the print union, Sogat '82, yesterday defied a High Court injunction seeking to stop them from "blacking" about seven out of ten magazines distributed in London...

Fleet Street strike looms Day of decisions over NGA

Attempts to find a negotiated settlement of the Stockport Messenger dispute were deadlocked last night as the threat of a national newspaper strike loomed...

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Advertisement for Bell's Scotch Whisky, featuring a bottle and the text 'the quality scotch' and 'ARTHUR BELL & SONS PLC. ESTABLISHED 1825 AND STILL AN INDEPENDENT COMPANY'.

Table with 2 columns: Home News, Overseas, and various other news categories with page numbers.

Back pain test for first comparison of orthodox and alternative medicine

By Clive Cookson

A full scientific comparison between conventional and alternative medicine is to be undertaken in a feasibility study under way at a Medical Research Council unit. It would be Britain's first scientific trial of orthodox medicine, according to the spokesman.

The subject chosen is back pain, one of the most widespread health problems, which is estimated to cost Britain 13 million working days a year, or £1,000m worth of industrial production.

The MRC Epidemiology and Medical Care Unit at Northwick Park Hospital, Middlesex, has almost completed a study to prepare for the proposed national trial, which would involve hundreds of back patients at centres throughout the country. It might start two years from now.

In the preliminary study, 50 patients are being allocated at random either to Northwick Park's outpatient department for conventional hospital treatment or to a practice run by three members of the British Chiropractors' Association in Harrow. Chiropractic involves manipulation of the spine by fully trained staff who are not normally medically qualified.

Patients have been recruited for the study both from hospital's outpatient department and from chiropractors. "Both types of patient are in general willing to be randomly allocated to one or the other for treatment," Dr Tom Meade, director of the MRC unit, said.

He had written in advance to about 100 general practitioners in the Harrow area, and none objected. During the study a GP withheld consent in one case.

The efficacy of treatment is being measured by the patients' own assessment of their symptoms over a six week period. It is not clear that any objective test, such as straight leg raising,



Gala time: Elizabeth Emanuel fitting Nicola Davies in one of the costumes she designed for the 30 Royal Ballet School students, aged 10 to 18, who take part in the Amnesty International gala concert on Sunday at the Theatre Royal, London. (Photograph: Chris Harris).

The cost of cultural heritage

Royal Opera House to tighten its belt

By David Hewson, Arts Correspondent

The Royal Opera House will commit itself to making cost savings of £600,000 a year if the Government rescues it from its present financial predicament, Sir Claus Moser, chairman of the board of directors, said yesterday.

The savings were outlined in the Priesley report commissioned by the Government to look into the workings of Covent Garden and the Royal Shakespeare Company.

Yesterday's indication from the company that it was willing to accept most of Priesley's recommendations was the way for the Government to produce new funds to wipe out its debts.

The company had a deficit of more than £1m last year, reduced to £220,000 by bringing forward Arts Council Guarantees and a supplementary grant of £450,000, and is heading for losses of £1.4m in the present financial year.

Sir Claus said that if the Government came up with proper funding for the organization it would "balance the books".

"We have undertaken to try to find the savings asked for from 1986," he added. Although the company would attempt to negotiate new agreements with the theatrical unions, the main saving would come from introducing a new management structure.

The company was reluctant to enter into details of the negotiations it wanted to press with its unions. The Priesley report had disclosed that stage technicians and electricians earned a basic guaranteed weekly wage of about £135 which, with overtime, was frequently increased to more than £235 and occasionally to between £500 and £550.

One aspect of the report which Covent Garden rejected, however, was the suggestion that its finances could be improved by running a more popular diet of material.

Sir John Tooley, the company's director general, said that there was no indication that the public would respond to more performances of the same opera, or that the policy would bring in additional revenues. Sir Claus said that such a policy would be "artistic death" to the house.

Fund which helped save Belton needs £10m

By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent

The National Heritage Memorial Fund, which two months ago agreed to provide £8m to help save Belton House, the outstanding Restoration state home in Lincolnshire, for the nation, needs £10m in its next annual grant from the Government to continue its work effectively, Lord Charteris, chairman of the fund, said yesterday.

The fund, set up in 1980, has received an annual grant of £3m for the last three years.

Apart from Belton, one of the fund's main achievements has been to provide £2m for the National Trust for the purchase of Studley Royal, North Yorkshire.

National Heritage Memorial Fund, Annual Report 1982-83, Church House, Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3BL, £2.50.

Chairman of BBC back after illness

Mr Stuart Young, aged 49, will perform his first public engagement as chairman of the BBC on Monday after a serious illness, which at one time led to speculation that he might be forced to give up the job he took over in August.

A BBC aide at Broadcasting House said last night: "Mr Young was very ill but he is now firmly back in his seat with a good deal of vigor".

The illness, which led to an operation, has been an open secret within the broadcasting world for several weeks. Sir William Rees-Mogg, Mr Young's deputy, has been taking his place during his absence.

Champion children receive awards

Andrew Atkinson, aged 13, has no problem playing snooker, his favourite game. "I just take off my right arm and rest the cue on my stump," he says. Despite having no legs and an artificial arm, he is snooker champion of his school, Bridge House, in Leeds.

Yesterday he was one of 12 "champion children" who received an award from Princess Margaret at a ceremony organized by Dr Barnardo's in London.

Richard Howard, aged 15, from Sheffield, won an award for his bravery in rescuing a widow aged 87 from her blazing kitchen.

The winning children, picked from 500 nominations and 28 finalists, were aged between eight and 16.

Christopher Joby, aged 16, from Norwich, won the award as junior mastermind.

Among the winners in the triumph over adversity category, was Marian Dorow, aged 14, from Oprington, Kent. Andrew Hodge, aged 13, from Ainsdale, Lancashire. David Foster, aged 10, from Newbury, Berkshire, and Matthew Leary, aged 10, from Deal, Kent.

Stephens bail plea adjourned

Sue Stephens, aged 26, the former girl friend of David Martin, the convicted gunman, had her High Court plea for bail and leave to appeal against a six month sentence adjourned yesterday.

Applications by Lester Purdy, aged 30, and Peter Enter, aged 26, were also adjourned. They were each jailed on Monday for nine months after being found guilty with Stephens of handling stolen goods for the benefit of Martin.

Cabin crew may test jet lag pill

By Thomson Prentice

A hormone which may counteract the effects of jet lag, the hormone of long-distance air travellers, may be offered to volunteers among British Airways staff.

The move is dependent on the Committee on Safety of Medicines granting permission to researchers to carry out clinical tests on the hormone, melatonin. Experiments in Britain and Australia have induced sheep to conceive in their non-breeding season by "fooling" them that the days were shortening.

The hormone in pill form has been tried among researchers during long flights, and Dr Frank Preston, medical director of British Airways, acknowledged yesterday that he was "cautiously interested" in asking for cabin crew volunteers.

But both he and Dr Josephine Arendt, a leading melatonin researcher at Surrey University, emphasized that there have been no controlled tests on the effects of the hormone on humans.

Dr Arendt said: "A number of people including myself have tried melatonin on long flights, but these results are scientifically useless. To substantiate its effectiveness, it would be necessary to conduct control trials".

She added: "I believe melatonin is potentially useful in organizing daily rhythm disturbances, of which jet lag is one example".

Melatonin is released from the brain's pineal gland during darkness.

Doctor 'had three mistresses'

A general practitioner took a series of three mistresses who were patients at his practice in Reading, Berkshire, to the General Medical Council disciplinary committee was told yesterday.

His pursuits caused the break-up of his two marriages and destroyed the marriage of his part-time receptionist, his third lover, the committee was told.

Dr David Corden, of Wilderness Road, Earley, was appearing before the committee accused of serious professional misconduct. According to the allegation he abused his professional position "in order to form or pursue emotional or sexual relationships" with the women.

The committee was told that at one point an answering machine in the doctor's house had to include his three mistresses' telephone number because he spent a great deal of time at her home.

On another occasion Dr Corden is said to have left a note saying: "Who loves you like it is going out of fashion?"

At the time the receptionist, Mrs Cherie Fox, aged 28, was paying weekly visits to a marriage guidance counsellor to discuss her own marriage. Mrs Fox later left her husband and moved in with Dr Corden, the committee was told.

Mr Andrew Muir, for the GMC, said that when still a married man in 1974 Dr Corden made "sexual advances" to a patient, Mrs Valerie Goodhew, when he later married.

In 1977 the new Mrs Corden became suspicious that her husband was having an affair with another patient, Mrs Jean Winchester. "This resulted in the answering phone in the family home having to have Mrs Winchester's number on it. It caused great embarrassment to Mrs Corden".

In 1982 the Cordens got divorced on the grounds of adultery and their house in Wilderness Road was split into two parts, Mr Muir said.

He told the committee that in February this year Mr Michael Fox discovered that his wife was having an affair with Dr Corden after spotting the note left on his wife's car.

"Mrs Fox moved out of the matrimonial home and went to live with Dr Corden in his part of the house", Mr Muir said.

The hearing continues.

Safe aerosol

An aerosol propelled by compressed air rather than liquefied gas, which has been developed in Switzerland and is neither harmful to the environment nor inflammable, was launched in London yesterday.

Fitness checks

The Perkins diesel engine company has bought an electrocardiogram and is offering heart checks and advice to its 6,000 staff at Peterborough, Cambs, to ensure that they are fit for work.

Forest protest

Nearly 1,000 signatures have been collected Ashdown Preservation Society against oil drilling in the East Sussex forest and they will be presented at a public meeting on December 7.

Jubilee plaque

A plaque commemorating the Queen's Silver Jubilee is to be unveiled at Hugganau, near Gloucester, tomorrow - six years late.

Hovercraft backup for Severn Bridge

By Michael Bailey, Transport Editor

over the bridge because of heavier than predicted traffic levels, there has been deep concern in Wales over the reliability of its main southern link with England.

Last week Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for Transport, announced new restrictions on the bridge to alleviate the danger of overloading, including possible closure of the bridge in high wind or because of traffic jams. If the bridge is closed, traffic faces a 50-mile diversion.

Each hovercraft would be able to carry up to 35 cars, or a combination of coaches and cars, up to a total of 3,500 a day, a tenth of the number crossing the bridge.

At a total cost of £4m to £5m a year the economic fare would be about £4 a car, compared with a 20p bridge toll, soon to be raised to 50p if a public inquiry agrees.

It would be up to the Government to subsidize the hovercraft fare. "We have been evaluating the service and there are no firm proposals", the Department of Transport said yesterday.

Mr John Cumberland, managing director of Hovercraft said: "The hovercraft's amphibious qualities mean that it would not suffer the high tide range in the Severn, and little investment in shore installations would be needed."

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Record £62m drugs haul shows growth of illicit market in Britain

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

Customs officers seized a record 195.5 kilos of heroin, most of it at Heathrow airport, in the financial year ended last April. It is disclosed in the annual report for 1982-83 published yesterday by Customs and Excise.

Consumers pay £28bn tax

The total revenue collected from Customs and Excise activities in 1982-3 was £27,956m which represented an increase of 11 per cent on the previous year. Value added tax alone produced £13,815m and that was a 17 per cent rise.

Police Bill concession from Hurd

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Labour MPs forced a concession from the Government yesterday over the Police and Criminal Evidence Bill.

In a sustained attack during the Bill's committee stage, they argued that a clause in it would give police new powers of entry to private property.



Mr Hurd: Will look again

Although an attempt to amend the clause was lost, Mr Douglas Hurd, Minister of State at the Home Office, said that since there was a sustained anxiety, "that is something we ought to look at again".

COST OF HOLIDAY LIVING INDEX

Table with 13 columns for destinations (Portugal, Majorca, Lanzarote, Tenerife, Spain, Madeira, Las Palmas, Cyprus, Malta, Morocco, UK, Florida, Barbados) and rows for various items like Dinner for two, Wine, Cup of coffee, Beer, etc.

Portugal is cheapest for holidays

By Derek Harris, Commercial Editor

Once the winter holiday-maker has arrived at a foreign destination the cost of living would be lowest in Portugal and highest in Barbados.

This emerges from a survey by Thomas Cook to produce an index comparing the levels of holiday expenses in 12 popular holiday destinations together with a comparison of British costs.

Although Portugal is so cheap there is a disincentive to drive too many miles by car: at £2.13 a gallon it has the most expensive petrol of all.

The week's totals in the index (bottom line) are based on these daily intakes: dinner for two, one bottle of wine, two cups of coffee and tea, two beers and four soft drinks.

Allowed for in the week are two rolls of 24-print film, a bottle of sunscreen, five postcards (including postage), a week's car hire and 20 litres of petrol.

On the top line the index is constructed with Britain representing 100 and the other countries as comparable percentages, thus indicating relative value for money for each country.

Chesterfield by-election

Benn factor remains the wild card

Mrs Gloria Havenhand would be absolutely delighted if Mr Wedgwood Benn became Labour's candidate for next year's parliamentary by-election at Chesterfield. It would, she added, be "absolutely fabulous".

Mrs Havenhand is chairman of Chesterfield Conservative Association and quotes with modest relish an opinion poll showing that one in four voters would not vote for Mr Benn. She has firm views on why this might be so.

Few commentators would disagree with at least part of her analysis. Chesterfield is a town of profound moderation, in all things. A mere bus journey from left-wing bastions such as Boleover (home of the Skinner clan), Clay Cross of immortal socialist memory, the "socialist republic of South Yorkshire," the town has contrived to be perfectly happy for the past 19 years with an MP who personifies Labour moderation, Mr Eric Varley.

Concern more to conserve Chesterfield's environmental heritage, including a magnificent and historic market, than with national politics, the local Labour-led council is hardly to

be found in the vanguard of "progressive" socialism. Even its miners, clinging out fairly comfortable lifestyles from the rich Derbyshire coalfield, proclaim a moderation that belies the popular view of collierymen.

Not much of this information can be gleaned from the town's official Labour sources. The local party secretary, Mr Arthur Webber, would only say that 35 people are now seeking the nomination for Labour.

Other clues came from a local bookmaker, Mr Brian Harrison. He will be offering odds of 8-1 on the Labour leader of neighbouring North East Derbyshire district council, Mr Clifford Fox. Mr Benn, if he made the shortlist, would be at 6-1. Another name mentioned by Mr Heathfield is that of the Chesterfield council leader, Mr William Flanagan.

Mr Heathfield, occasionally cited as favouring Mr Benn, said: "He is the most important figure outside the parliamentary party. You cannot disregard him, so that has to put him in with a chance."

Whether Mr Heathfield's members feel the same will be known on Monday when the decision on their nominee is announced. In the unlikely event of the miners favouring Mr Benn, it is also accepted that the NUM no longer has the same constituency clout it once had, thanks to pit closures.

The Benn factor is also very much in the minds of the Liberal/SDP. The local Liberal Association secretary, Mr Kenneth Eversleigh, says a Benn candidacy would cost Labour votes that would be transferred not to the Conservatives but to the Alliance candidates, Mr Max Payne, Mr Payne aged 53, a lecturer at Sheffield Polytechnic, fought the June general election.

The Conservative candidate, to be chosen on December 8, will doubtless experience some backlash as a result of local redundancies in the engineering, coal, and steel industries.

The largest operator training room in Europe has been built at Sandouville at a cost of £1.5m. It features a complete assembly line "school". Workers are withdrawn from the adjoining Renault 18 line in groups of 140 for training.

Ford yesterday announced price cuts of about £450 on a number of Granada L models to boost flagging sales. But the electrically operated windows and central locking, which were standard fittings, will now be optional extras.



Mr Benn: Opponents hoping for his candidature



Mr Varley: Representing all-round moderation

Renault's newcomer out to take aerodynamic title

By Clifford Webb, Motoring Correspondent

Renault, France's state-controlled motor group, is preparing to challenge Europe's leading quality car makers with a new executive saloon, which it claims is the world's most aerodynamically efficient car.

More than £100m has been invested in the new R25, which goes into production at Renault's Sandouville plant near Le Havre in three weeks' time. It will be on sale in France from March and is expected to reach British customers by the summer.

The previous holder of the aerodynamic "blue ribbon" was the Audi 100 with a drag coefficient of .30 compared with the Renault 25's .28.

The R25 means much more to Renault than a replacement for its existing top range model, the aging Renault 30. It has been chosen to lead an extensive programme designed to improve quality throughout the group.

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Israel exchanges 4,500 guerrillas for six of its own soldiers

From Christopher Walker, Jerusalem

Both sides in the Middle East Conflict yesterday found cause for jubilation from the same event, the biggest, and, for Israel, most costly prisoner exchange it has ever negotiated with the PLO. Six young Israeli soldiers were exchanged for 4,500 Palestinian and Lebanese guerrillas - a ratio of one Israeli for every 750 Arabs.

Among the 1,100 Palestinians flown to Algiers in a fleet of three Air Force jumbo jets bearing the emblem of the Red Cross, were 98 Arabs convicted in the Israeli courts and serving life or other long sentences for serious terrorist crimes.

In addition to the track-suited guerrillas who left giving victory signs, singing national songs, vowing to return to the struggle and, in at least one case, spitting defiantly in the face of an Israeli policeman, the aircraft were also loaded with Palestinian archive material seized by the Israeli Army during the siege of west Beirut.

The complex deal also involved the complete emptying of Ansar, the Israeli prison camp in southern Lebanon, which had housed 4,400 suspected terrorists, including the former Palestine Liberation Organization commander in Sidon, Mr Salah Taamari. He is regarded by Israeli intelligence as the most dangerous man captured during the Lebanon war.

A fleet of 120 red and white Israeli civilian buses was used to ferry the 3,300 Ansar detainees who chose to be released inside southern Lebanon to four assembly points, while many curfews were imposed and tanks rumbled

through deserted roads. Those who opted for Algiers had their hands bound and were herded, blindfold, in crocodile formation on to giant helicopters and military transports which flew them to the waiting jumbos at Tel Aviv airport, which was under maximum security alert.

Many Israelis, soldiers, ministers and ordinary citizens

'The deal is seen as a boost for the flagging fortunes of Yassir Arafat'

alike, expressed apprehension at the risk which was being taken in releasing so many men and women regarded as bitter enemies of the state. But most spoke to thought it worthwhile.

Although the patiently negotiated deal, which involved more than 100 meetings in Geneva alone, was seen as a boost for the flagging fortunes of Mr Yassir Arafat, the hard-pressed PLO chairman - whose supporters form the bulk of those Palestinians set free - Mr Moshe Arens, the Defence Minister, denied that the heavy price paid by Israel was a sign of weakness.

Speaking after emotional scenes of reunion between the six Israelis and their families had been broadcast live on television, Mr Arens said: "I see it as a struggle and a source of pride that we have his concern for our soldiers who fall prisoner in battle". He said there were no political implications in such an exchange.

Until the outbreak of vicious fighting between pro- and anti-Arafat forces around Tripoli, the Israelis had been hoping to secure a total package which also would have involved the Israeli prisoners being held by Mr Ahmed Jibril's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine - General Command. Until yesterday, Israel thought that only two of its men were involved, but now it is believed that a third may be a prisoner.

The decisive factor for the switch to seeking the release only of those in the hands of PLO loyalists, came at the beginning of this month, when it was feared their lives were in extreme danger and Mr Arafat's men were unable to guarantee their long term safety.

Mr Arens flatly denied that Mr Arafat's future had been linked to the deal hammered out at Geneva, in the talks which took place indirectly via the Red Cross. Mr Shmuel Tamir, the former Minister of Justice who headed the Israeli negotiators, expressed hope that the Israelis being held by Mr Jibril could still be recovered, as part of a deal involving the 300 Syrian prisoners Israel captured during the Lebanon war.

A new round of talks is being urgently sought along these lines.

The handover, which had originally been scheduled to take place last week, was greeted with visible public relief throughout Israel, little time being given during the initial euphoria of public questioning about how it may have further eroded the already limited gains of the Lebanon war.



Welcome home: Danny Gilboa, one of six Israeli prisoners released by the PLO, is greeted by a young relative in Tel Aviv yesterday.

Babies were buried near rubbish pile

Paris (AP) - A farmer said to be "slow-witted" and his wife were held yesterday in southern France on charges of killing nine of their new-born children.

The infanticide allegations against Jean-Pierre Leymarie, aged 44, a farmer, and his wife Rolande, aged 31, are said to be among the worst on record.

The couple live on a 20-acre farm in St-Bonnet-La-Riviere, near Brive, 255 miles south of Paris. They have two other children - a daughter of 12 and a son of 10, who according to neighbours appear well-raised and loved.

On Monday, officials discovered the first remains of the couple's other children buried in the farm courtyard. By Wednesday night, the remains of eight other babies, including a set of twins, had been found buried a few inches deep near a rubbish pile by the farmhouse.

The couple are said by the police to have admitted killing the nine babies by letting them bleed to death through untied umbilical cords.

Salvadorean rebels reject election

From John Carlin, San Salvador

"This is no time for words. The time now is for fighting", a Salvadorean rebel leader said in response to the official announcement that presidential elections would be held in El Salvador on March 25.

Setting the election date will inject fresh life into a stagnant political process but is unlikely to have any positive effect on the country's most agonizing problem, the stalemated four-year civil war.

The Constituent Assembly, or parliament, which announced the elections, has become so bogged down in legislative minutiae that there has been no visible political direction in recent months in El Salvador, prompting much speculation lately of a coup by palpably impatient military officers.

The election date should check this threat and please President Reagan who, in the face of accusations of human rights abuses by government forces, is finding it increasingly difficult to persuade Congress to

approve badly-needed injections of military aid to El Salvador.

Elections, however, have long been the chief stumbling block to a negotiated solution to the country's problems. The guerrillas have said they will fight until they are guaranteed power-sharing in a provisional government prior to elections. Both Washington and the Salvadorean Government are adamant that "the rebels must not be allowed to shoot their way into power".

The left-wing rebels believe that elections will merely perpetuate a long-standing political system where right-wing military officers hold the key to power.

The powerful far right party, Arena, the National Republican Alliance, which opposes political reform of any kind, is almost certain to field as its presidential candidate, Major Roberto D'Aubuisson, who has repeatedly been linked with El Salvador's notorious death squads.

Election of Speaker Ankara's first test

From Rasit Gurdilek, Ankara

After 38 months of military rule, Turkey yesterday took the final step towards the restoration of democracy - or transition to democracy, as the outgoing military regime prefers to call it - with the opening of the seventeenth civilian Parliament in the republic's 60-year history.

The newly elected deputies listened as the oldest member, chairing the session, paid tribute on their behalf to the armed forces "for intervening just in time to save the country from chaos" and preparing the ground for the perpetuation of democracy.

"We should never forget our debt of gratitude to the armed forces," Mr Fahri Ozdilek said. He urged his colleagues to set an example to the public "by their solemnity, mutual respect and tolerance in relations with each other".

Earlier Mr Bulend Ulusu had resigned as Prime Minister after an hour's meeting with President Kenan Evren. Mr Ulusu said the resignation of his Government had been accepted, and he had been asked to stay on until a new government took office.

Only three parties, those allowed to contest the general election 18 days ago, are represented in the 400-seat, single-chamber Grand National Assembly which will have a five-year term. The conservative Motherland Party of Mr Turgut Ozal has a safe majority with 211 seats. The Opposition is made up of the centre-left Populist Party, with 117 seats, and the right-centre Nationalist Democracy Party which has disappointed its military backers by winning only 71 seats. One seat will remain empty because of an earlier veto on a Motherland candidate by the ruling National Security Council.

The inaugural session was only ceremonial and after the deputies took their oaths the Parliament went into a 10 day recess to allow the nomination of candidates for the post of Speaker. The Speaker's election

threatens to develop into the legislature's first crisis. The military regime is known to be anxious to have Mr Ulusu elected speaker, not only to assuage its hurt pride over the defeat of the favoured Nationalist Democracy Party, but also to have a trusted figure, mending over the untested civilians to safeguard its achievements. If elected, Mr Ulusu, a retired admiral, will deputize for President Evren when he is out of the country.

At first his election looked assured. President Evren received the party leaders after the election and reportedly obtained their acquiescence. But Mr Ulusu, and three Government ministers who were all elected as Nationalist Democracy Party members refused to join the party, asserting their independence. The party leadership publicly deplored their action and is now said to be having second thoughts on Mr Ulusu's candidacy.

However, the Motherland Party, trying to cultivate a warmer relationship with the President who had openly opposed Mr Ozal on the eve of the poll, is said to be determined to uphold Mr Ulusu's candidacy even if he rejects offers to join the party. A recent series of price rises relieved Mr Ozal from an unpleasant task and speculation was rife that this service was rendered on the understanding that Mr Ulusu would be the Motherland candidate. Only after the election of the Speaker will the National Security Council be officially dissolved. Its members will be retired from the command of the armed services to become members of a Presidential Council to assist President Evren in the exercise of his sweeping powers for six more years. The appointed Consultative Assembly, the 160-strong organ which performed quasi-parliamentary functions under the military regime, will also end its legal existence then.

FBI fails to find source of leak

From Steven Weisman, The New York Times, Washington

An investigation ordered by President Reagan has failed after two months to find out who disclosed information to news organizations in September about US military options in Lebanon.

Several Administration officials doubted whether the FBI's investigation, which created tensions and suspicions at the White House, would uncover the sources of the information. But they believe that the inquiry would at least warn people in the Adminis-

tration against giving out classified material. The investigation was the most wide-ranging attempt by Mr Reagan to clamp down on unauthorized leaks to the news media.

FBI agents had questioned Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, Mr Caspar Weinberger, the Defence Secretary, Mr William Casey, the Director of Central Intelligence, Mr James Baker, the White House Chief of Staff, and others. One official, remarking that it

was extraordinary for the FBI to interview such senior officials, emphasized that the investigation was criminal, not civil, in nature and therefore all the more explosive. He would not discuss what criminal violations might have taken place.

Several officials deplored the inquiry. Another said he was unsure of its extent but given the thinking at the White House it was entirely possible that there were wiretaps authorized for both Administration aides and journalists.

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The missiles debate

America believes talks will resume

From Nicholas Ashford, Washington

The Reagan Administration yesterday continued to express confidence that the Soviet Union would eventually agree to resume talks on reducing medium-range nuclear missiles in Europe, despite its decision on Wednesday to break off the Geneva negotiations. However, US officials admitted they had no idea when a resumption would take place or in what forum.

There was considerable speculation that Moscow may propose merging the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Force (INF) talks with the Strategic Arms Reductions Talks (START)

which are still continuing in Geneva. The US is not in favour of merging the two rounds of negotiations as it feels this would complicate things. However, it has not ruled out such a possibility if this is seen as the only way of getting the medium-range missile talks going again.

US officials now seem to have abandoned their initial optimism that the Soviet Union might try to resume talks as early as January. It is now expected that Moscow will delay a return to the negotiating

table until it sees how European public opinion reacts to the breakdown and the deployment of the first 41 Pershing-2 and cruise missiles in West Germany, Britain and Italy at the end of this year.

Additional US missiles are to be deployed during 1984, including Belgium and the Netherlands where Government support for the new weapons is less pronounced than in the first three basing countries.

However, it is pointed out that the Soviet Union cannot afford to wait too long before

returning to negotiations because of the steady build-up of Pershings and cruises planned for the next few years. Altogether the United States is to deploy 572 of the new missiles in Western Europe between now and 1986 if no agreement is reached with the Soviet Union before then.

Concern that European public opinion may turn against the US now that deployment is going ahead and the talking has stopped has set off a concerted campaign by American officials to heap blame on Moscow for the breakdown of the Geneva negotiations.

Kinnock argues for freeze on deployment

From Ian Murray, Brussels

Nato could make the most of the Soviet walkout from Geneva by agreeing to freeze further deployment of cruise and Pershing-2 missiles in Europe at present levels. Mr Neil Kinnock, leader of the Labour Party, argued in Brussels yesterday.

Mr Kinnock said that although he deeply regretted the walkout, the reasons were easy to understand. He believed that the Soviet negotiators should be invited back against the promise that deployment of American missiles would be frozen.

Like most party leaders at the Socialist International here, Mr Kinnock concentrated on the missiles issue. Only M Lionel Jospin, representing the French Socialist Party, spoke out in favour of deployment of the intermediate range missiles. Mr Kinnock commented wryly: "I was obliged to ask why they don't have cruise and Pershing in France".

The British Opposition leader blamed both the United States and the Soviet Union for the breakdown. "In recent weeks, there were significant changes of agreement at five minutes to midnight," he told the meeting. "Now we are at five minutes past midnight and in danger of going into a long, dark night."

In view of the breakdown of



Time to listen: Mr Kinnock in Brussels yesterday

the talks, the Labour Party would advocate the merging of negotiations on limiting medium-range and strategic weapons. Apart from the freeze on deployment by both America and Russia, the party wanted a freeze on nuclear tests and production, as well as the participation at the negotiations of countries other than the two superpowers.

According to Mr Kinnock:

"Within Nato, relations between the European and the US have never been so strained. The development of an aggressive interventionism and lack of consultation with its allies by the US Government has rightly caused alarm."

"The Labour Party remains committed to British membership of Nato and we want to work within Nato to change it," he said.

Commentary



Geoffrey Smith

Washington

After three weeks of travelling around the United States, one of my strongest impressions is how the political scene is dominated by the personality of Ronald Reagan. More so, I believe, than ever before. Even those who disagree with him most have a sense of infuriated awe at political skills which look so much more formidable within the US than they do on our side of the Atlantic.

Part of his strength lies in his capacity to divorce his personal standing from the more controversial actions of his Administration. He comes across to the American public as such a pleasant and appealing person, his almost boyish charm belying his years. "I can be mad at him", one liberal Democrat remarked to me in the Mid-West, "but I cannot hate him".

It was precisely this quality which enabled him to win the presidency by destroying Mr Jimmy Carter in their television debate. How could anyone believe that such a friendly man could be trigger-happy? He made President Carter look the unreasonable man for having suggested any such thing.

But Mr Reagan has more than a pleasing manner and an easy smile. His political instincts are acute. His personal popularity may not depend upon approval of his policies, but he is careful not to push his luck too far. The moral majority policies on abortion and school prayer have been pushed well down his list of priorities - the occasional gesture of support, but no more.

Even Mr Reagan's insistence on securing tax cuts, which has been widely interpreted as the mark of a doctrine apostate of supply-side economics, probably owes to his political conviction that they are necessary to retain the support of those voters who elected him.

A potential weakness

He has an instinctive rapport with average Americans. He knows how they will react and he expresses himself in terms to which they respond. This is true not only of such important occasions as his televised defence of the American presence in Grenada and Lebanon, which must clearly have been a remarkable exercise in political persuasion. It is also true of his spontaneous comments on many issues.

This is partly, I am sure, a subconscious gift. He strikes a chord with average Americans because he thinks as they do. This is a political strength, but it is also potentially a policy weakness. The intellectual range of the average American is not unlimited. Nor is his knowledge of other countries.

President Reagan has frequently been found at press conferences to have left the right answer behind. His grasp of the subtleties of policy is known to be insecure in a number of fields. He cannot speak to the peoples of other countries with the same sureness of touch. Often he seems surprised by their reactions. These failings have not weakened him politically at home, but they might expose him to the kind of policy errors that would ultimately destroy his dominance.

Unless that happens, he must stand an excellent chance of winning reelection next year if he runs again. He could lose if the economic recovery were to peter out before next November. But I found most American economic analysts now expecting it to last well into 1985 at least.

He could be defeated if the dissatisfied groups - blacks, Hispanics, and women, with none of whom he is in good standing at the moment - were to be motivated and mobilized to vote against him in sufficient numbers. The chances of his losing for that reason would seem to me to be higher, though not yet probable.

His greatest danger, I suspect, may lie in foreign affairs. His political judgment will not lead him astray as to what the American public are prepared to accept. It is not likely, therefore, that the Grenada operation, which was a considerable political success, will be followed in the coming year by the invasion of Nicaragua which would be a much more hazardous political enterprise.

Not all international questions, however, can be answered by political intuition. One could imagine that in the Middle East, for instance, the Administration might be unable to secure a success and lack the diplomatic finesse to withdraw in time. But without some new national misfortune President Reagan must stand a good chance of translating his personal dominance this year into an election victory next year.

Summit concentrates on French mediation role

From Michael Binyon, Bonn

The role France could play in urgent Western efforts to bring the Russians back to the negotiating table was the central point in talks that began here yesterday between President Francois Mitterrand and Chancellor Helmut Kohl of West Germany.

The French President arrived yesterday for regular consultations which are seen here as being of particular importance in coordinating Western defence policy and in preparing for the arduous European Community summit meeting in Athens next month.

Bonn has already announced

its support for President Mitterrand's recent offer to mediate after the Soviet walkout at Geneva. Yesterday the two defence ministers, Herr Manfred Wornat and M Charles Hernu, began talks on the deployment of Pershing-2 here, which began on Wednesday, as well as on France's declared intention of strengthening its military presence in West Germany.

President Mitterrand strongly supported the Chancellor's determination on deployment and on several occasions emphasized the need for the new missiles

Kremlin blames US and predicts new arms race

From Richard Owen, Moscow

"When Caesar crossed the Rubicon in 49BC, he was heading for victory," one Western diplomat said yesterday. "The Russians seem to have forgotten that."

Soviet officials and Western diplomats regard the breakdown of the Geneva talks on medium-range missiles as a watershed in East-West relations. Tass said that by voting to accept Pershing-2 the Bundestag had crossed the Rubicon.

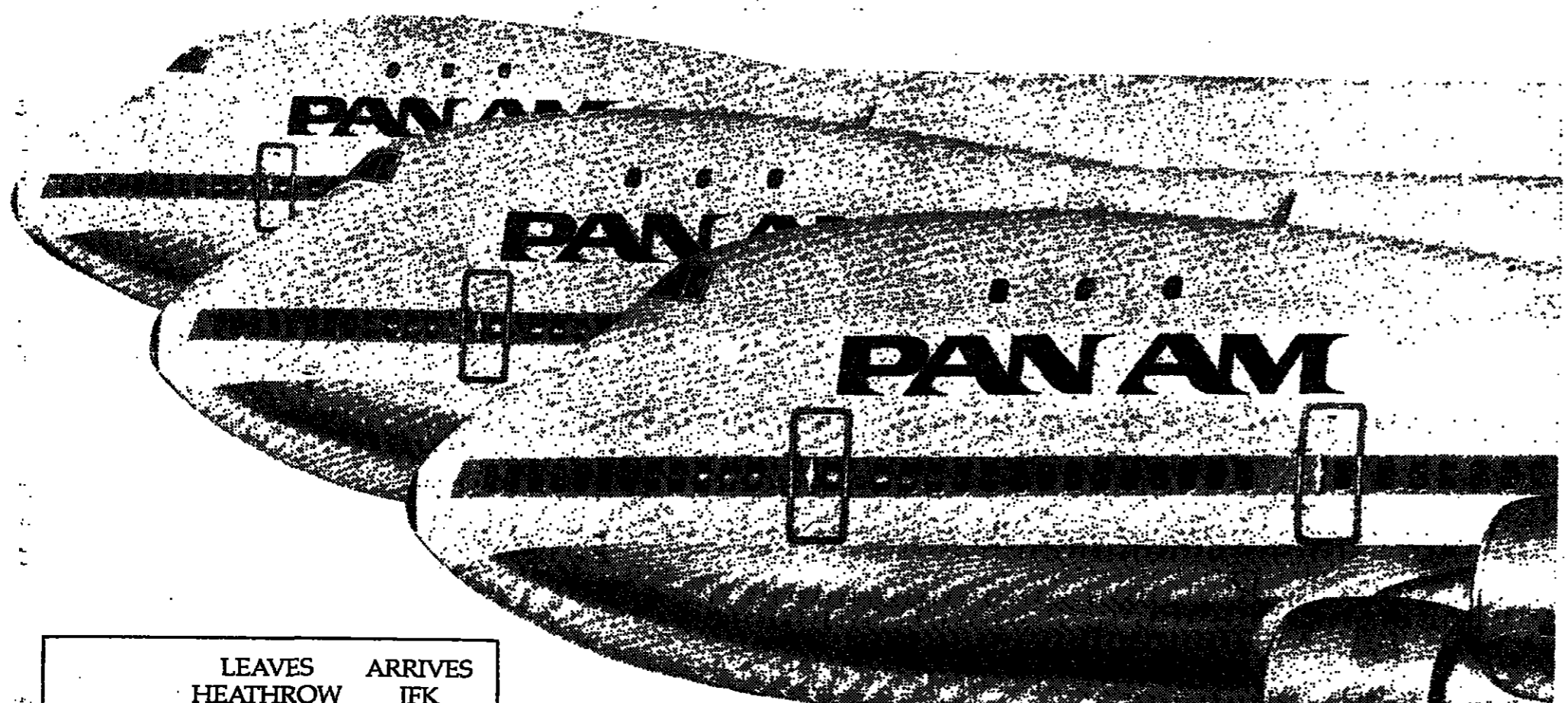
Most Kremlin comment has been low-key, but has emphasized that an opportunity for arms reduction has been lost

and a new arms race is beginning.

Anticipating the charge that the Russian walkout is to blame for this, officials are emphasizing that the lack of progress at Geneva was the fault of the United States and made negotiations pointless.

Moscow has not yet made its authoritative statement on the future of Geneva, including the parallel talks on strategic arms reduction (Start). There is speculation that either the Euro-missiles will be incorporated in a revamped version of Start, or that Start will also collapse.

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Policemen hanged for torture

Islamabad (AP) - Two senior police officers have been hanged, the martial law authorities said. The executions, at dawn on Wednesday, following the hanging on Tuesday of a police inspector convicted with them of torturing a robbery suspect to death.

It was the first time that a Pakistani policeman had been executed or even brought to trial.

According to an official announcement, assistant Sub-Inspector Ghulam Rasool climbed the scaffold on Tuesday at Sahiwal central jail, 217 miles south of here. Sub-inspector Amir Khan and Head Constable Zaman Khan Niazi were hanged 24 hours later at Mianwali, 125 miles southwest of Islamabad.

La Paz blast

La Paz (Reuters) - A powerful bomb exploded in the empty Bolivian Parliament causing considerable damage and blowing out three quarters of the windows in the government palace across the road. The city is rife with rumours of right-wing plots to overthrow left-wing Government.

Manila march

Manila (AP) - Businessmen in suits marched alongside factory workers in one of the biggest anti-government demonstrations in Manila's financial centre since the assassination on August 21 of opposition leader Benigno Aquino. An estimated 15,000 took part.

Pope for Seoul

Seoul (AFP) - The Pope will visit South Korea from May 3 to May 7 next year at the invitation of President Chun Doo Hwan. He will take part in ceremonies commemorating the bicentennial of Korean Catholicism.

Bourse stopped

Amsterdam (AP) - Regular trading was delayed more than two hours yesterday on the Amsterdam Bourse as about 20 city employees sealed off its entrances to protest against proposed cuts in government salaries.

Thieves to die

Nairobi (AP) - Four Somalis, including a woman, were sentenced to be executed by the firing squad for stealing 17m shillings (£740,000) in public funds. Mogadishu radio reported. They were also ordered to pay it back.

Line for sale

Meiz (AP) - Forty-five blockhouses along France's pre-Second World War Maginot Line will be auctioned off on December 6 in the town of Longwy. Bidding will start at between 950 francs (£80) and 2,250 francs.

Peace minute

Paris (Reuters) - One minute from noon, on March 22, has been chosen for a worldwide silence for peace by Unesco which in conference here said the end of the world had become a terrifying possibility.

Corpses find

Peking (Reuters) - Tombs built 3,000 years ago and containing well-preserved corpses have been discovered at Pingan Bao, Zhangwu County, northeast China. Pots, stone tools, agate, shell and bronze knives and delicate ornaments were also unearthed.

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Glenn campaign heads for early splashdown as film proves a flop

From Nicholas Ashford, Washington

The film about Senator John Glenn's life, The Right Stuff, has failed to make the expected dramatic impact on his presidential aspirations...

trouble in deflecting these attacks. On defence, for example, he noted that Senator Glenn had not only voted for the B1 strategic bomber...

been pulling away in recent weeks. His lead over the Ohio senator has ranged from a huge 35 points in North Carolina to a comfortable 20 in Florida...



Glad to be back: Vladimir Lyakov and Alexander Alexandrov, the Soviet cosmonauts describe their 150 days in space

Future of Soviet space programme in doubt

From Our Own Correspondent, Moscow

The safe return of the two Soviet cosmonauts who spent 150 days in space has still left question marks over the long-term future of the Soviet space programme.

Soviet officials that the two men, Colonel Vladimir Lyakov and Mr Alexander Alexandrov, were marooned on board the space station Salyut 7...

to coincide with Kremlin celebrations of Lenin's birthday had to be abandoned when automatic guidance systems malfunctioned.

human organisms" of such missions. Studies are being carried out on Colonel Lyakov and Mr Alexandrov, who last month began to complain of fatigue and muscular contractions.

Afghan vote comes down hard on the Russians

From Zoriana Pysarivsky, New York

The United Nations General Assembly has called for the immediate withdrawal of the Soviet Union's forces from Afghanistan. The resolution was approved by 116 votes to 20, with 16 abstentions.

White idealist jailed for promoting ANC

From Our Own Correspondent, Johannesburg

A young Afrikaner, Mr Carl Niehaus, was sentenced to 15 years in prison for high treason by the Rand Supreme Court yesterday. His fiancée, Miss Johanna Lourens, was given a four-year jail term on the same charge.

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Black mine union wins first trial of strength

From Our Own Correspondent, Johannesburg

South Africa's fledgling black miners' union, the National Union of Mineworkers, has won its first important battle by persuading the industrial court to order the reinstatement of 17 of its members...

will return to the industrial court for a final ruling. Safety is a sensitive, and under-reported issue. Last year, 729 blacks died in South Africa's mines and 16,568 were injured.

Swedes inspect computers

Stockholm (Reuters) - Swedish officials began examining computer equipment held in two southern ports which Washington said was being smuggled to the Soviet Union in defiance of a US ban.

Drugs woman gets 16 years

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Hardship years give way to hope at last

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month's election. What was remarkable, though, was that reaction to austerity measures necessitated by adherence to IMF requirements was not reflected in a bigger "no" vote.

Although Zambians themselves must bear the blame for failing to capitalize on the good years they have not been helped by the country's landlocked situation.

Spain backs supergrass strategy

Spain has decided to experiment with Ulster-style official informers in its fight against Basque terrorism.

Chile court order to free suspect

In a verdict termed "historic" by the Chilean press, the Court of Appeals has accepted a habeas corpus petition from a shanty-town leader calling for his release from one of the many secret detention centres run by the Government's security services.

China and Japan try to ease Korean tensions

Mr Hasuhiro Nakasone, the Japanese Prime Minister, has called for Chinese cooperation in relieving tensions between North and South Korea in the aftermath of the Rangoon bombing.

Jeffery Daniels reviews The Genius of Venice, "this stupendous exhibition", which opens at the Royal Academy today



Left: Lotto's The Mystic Marriage of St Catherine with Niccolò Bonghi, maimed and mutilated. Above: Jacopo Palma il Vecchio, probably a self-portrait.

The confident touch of genius

Serenity, security and self-confidence characterized the Republic of Venice in the sixteenth century, the period covered by this stupendous exhibition which is entirely worthy of its subject.

stands awkwardly behind the Virgin's throne seemingly oblivious of the sacred tableau being enacted, and it accords perfectly with the unusual circumstances of the picture's origin that only five years later it should have been mutilated by a French soldier who cut out (very neatly) the landscape background.

Theatre

The Dealer Nuffield, Southampton

As a dark coda to this year's Wiseman festivities, Thomas Wiseman offers a view of the city in 1938 enjoying its last moment of incandescent glitter before being extinguished under the Anschluss.

and minimizing the growing danger of the barbarian advance. Nor, apart from Oskar, are they very likeable. Camilla is a pleasure-loving opportunist with a wicked tongue.

Red Saturday New End

Martin Allen's play begins with two footballers facing a Sheffield semi-final, and with a brilliant local 19-year-old waxing and a household-name Londoner (who apparently does not rate a single room) waning.

as much if not more - their supporters, many in dead-end lives, for a start.

Television Beguiling charm

"Unphony charm and unlabourious originality" reads Kingsley Amis's early commendation on the cover of the new Penguin edition ("Now filmed for television") of Edna O'Brien's The Country Girls.

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THE ARTS

Cinema

Stylist oddities of a founding father

Before the Nickelodeon ICA Cinematheque London Film Festival National Film Theatre

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The past few years have seen a renewal of interest in the very earliest years of cinema history - very gratifying to us older incunabulists who are thus at last relieved of the stigma of foggish eccentricism for our preoccupation with the origins of the art. Researches like Charles Musser's film Before the Nickelodeon...

time when films were still single-scene animated snapshots. Sticking together, merely for convenience, several scenes of the Spanish-American War...

The narrative techniques which Porter developed for himself involved overlapping or even repeating a scene, from some different aspects. Thus, in the authentic version of American Fireman...

Despite this stylistic oddity (even, perhaps because of it) 60 years on, this wilful manipulation of time acquires its own fascination) Porter could be a highly effective story-teller. Before the Nickelodeon includes several of his little film dramas in their entirety...

Edwin S. Porter, for instance, has always been regarded as the originator of modern montage methods. Musser reveals that this view of him is largely based on a print of his The Life of an American Fireman of 1903...

Musser pieces together the rather sketchy record of Porter's career. From being an electrician with the navy, he became a movie exhibitor at a



Entertainment down on the farm: Robert Seaton leads the players in Michael Darlow's Accounts, "among the best work produced under the auspices of Channel Four".

which Alan Bates hits off his mannerisms (though I guess neither he nor Bennett nor Schlesinger actually met the original). I am surprised, though, that Coral Browne found Burgess's flat so messy. I only remember it being kept spotless by an adoring babushka...

I must again urge festival patrons to seek out the shorts which feature only as footnotes in the programme. Especially notable is Jenny Wilkes's Mother Wedding, a brilliant if bleak impressionist essay on sexuality...

Having known Burgess in his Moscow days, I can vouch for the uncanny accuracy with which he evoked the atmosphere of the city. With something like 200 titles, the festival selectors have had to dip pretty deep into the barrel; so that it is surprising to discover some films that they have rejected...

The commercial companies meanwhile are sneaking out some of their less distinguished offerings. David Cronenberg is a director who has made his name thanks to a special effects expert, Rick Baker...

Triumphs of a Man Called Horse is a jaded sequel, with intermittent flashbacks to its marginally superior predecessors. Richard Harris is got up like an elderly character actress from The Boy Friend...

Nerviness that it might drift into Archer country is needless. The film explores territory new to British cinema, in the matter of sentiments as well as geography. The relationship between the two young brothers - played with faultless integrity by two Newcastle actors...

David Robinson

Sir Claus Moser, Chairman of Covent Garden, in conversation with John Higgins looks at the Opera House in the light of the Priestley report.

A healthier outlook

By any measure Covent Garden has had a hard year. In the season which ended last July the Royal Opera planned for two new productions, half the normal number, and ended up with only one of their own when a Masov Lescaut had to be hastily borrowed from Hamburg...

The main recommendations of Priestley were announced a month ago and the detailed proposals are now emerging piecemeal between hefty red covers, volume by volume. How apprehensive was Covent Garden's Chairman, Sir Claus Moser, who had plenty of experience of civil service workings during his time as Government Chief Statistician...

"Quite clearly if you have inspectors of this quality going through every aspect of your work at home, as well as visiting a number of major opera houses abroad for information, comparison and assessment, you are going to be put through your paces. Especially when they spend six months doing it. But I always had confidence that they would end by deciding we were overfunded. And that to my delight has happened. The basic conclusion of Priestley is that our present deficit should be wiped off, that our subsidy should be increased immediately by 17-18 per cent, and that from 1986 onwards we should ourselves find savings of £500,000 to £600,000 a year."

"Priestley has stated the case for maintaining a great opera and ballet house in this country better and more clearly than it has been stated for a very long time. The theme running through this report, so far as the

ROH is concerned, is that you cannot have half a great opera house. Possible cures to make financial savings, such as the closure of our ballet touring arm or limiting the Opera to a festival basis have been rejected."

So much for the good news, which of course has yet to be implemented by the Minister for the Arts, the Earl of Gowrie, and the Government. Priestley was highly critical of some areas of operation, including over-riding in the costume department, which got a lot of press attention, and the failure to reach out to a larger public. "Obviously it was going to be suggested that we should order certain things differently. The attention given in some newspapers to ruffs and underskirts tells you more about journalists than about running an opera house. Show me an institution which has an absolutely clean bill of health on expenditure and I will show you a miracle. On the other hand the criticism of lack of operatic Outreach (Priestley is full of jargon words which are likely to find their way into administrative vocabulary for a month or two) into the community at large is absolutely right."

Sir Claus Moser may feel less acquiescent about Priestley's suggestion that the opera planning should be tailored more to the needs of the box-office and that there should be fewer excursions into the rarified corners of the repertoire. "This is the one area of Priestley I find unacceptable. It would have stopped us starting our season as we have done with a Stravinsky/Ravel double bill, and continuing it with Lulu. I think it also ignores the fact that a public fed on a diet of Aidas and Bohemes soon acquires a jaded palate."

The Priestley idea for separate funding for Britain's four principal companies (the ROH, the RSC, the National Theatre and the ENO) seems to have been pushed under the carpet for the moment. It would have meant the end of the Arts



Sir Claus: "You cannot have half a great opera house"

Council as a body with financial teeth, as that establishment in Piccadilly was quick to realize. Some would have been quite pleased to see its power reduced, but relations between the ROH and the Arts Council are considerably better than they were a year ago. Possibly the biggest problem of all faced by Covent Garden in the mid 1980s lies right outside Priestley orbit. This is the lacuna appearing in the administration between the departure of the present music director, Sir Colin Davis, in 1986 and the arrival of Bernard Haitink in 1988. It is thought by many that a gap of two years was to big a price to pay for Haitink's services, despite the fact that he has agreed to be available for consultation as well as 12 weeks of work during the interregnum years. Sir Claus defends the choice by saying that there was never any suggestion during the negotiations that Haitink would break or cut short his Glyndebourne contract, which runs until 1988.

There is also the matter of the periods of service of Sir Claus Moser himself and his general administrator, Sir John Tooley, which have implications for that interregnum. The Moser chairmanship runs until 1984, but the Board have already asked him to extend it until 1987, not least so that he can put into practice some of the Priestley recommendations. Sir John's position is more complex. His present contract runs until 1986. But when it is due for review by the Board it seems more than likely he will be asked to renew it until 1989, by which time he will be 65 and by far the longest-serving general administrator of any major European opera house.

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FRIDAY PAGE

The unexpected midwife

Today's liberated parents may pride themselves on encouraging their daughters to become medical students rather than student nurses...

one of only two hospitals where men could train as midwives. (The other was in Scotland). Men were admitted under an experimental scheme, set up in 1976...



Philip Chalmers: "You simply have to show you know what you're talking about. After all, half the female midwives haven't had babies, either"

doctors, why not male midwives? In fact, I think men can actually be more sympathetic than women. Margaret Hatamain, a secretary aged 27, agreed: "I prefer men. I have a male dentist, doctor, hairdresser. Why not a male midwife?"

to be pretty weird to try to take advantage. Feminists, too, while presumably supporting the principle of equal opportunity elsewhere, have argued against the introduction of male midwives. Men, they say, have always resented the power women have traditionally held as healers, herbalists and midwives.

involved in what they assume is a female role. Since he qualified five months ago, Philip has been working on the ante-natal ward at the Whittington. So far he has no plans to move on. "I want to stay until I can say I'm really a midwife. Then I'd like to go abroad where I could use the qualification to the full."

MEDICAL BRIEFING



Graham and Janet Walton

A policy for sextuplets

Graham and Janet Walton must be wondering how they are going to afford to bring up their sextuplets and perhaps wishing they had insured themselves against such a large family. Eagle Star Insurance offers a twins policy and will pay up to £1,000 on the birth of twins, with the benefit doubled for triplets or more.

Baby hope

Brain damage and handicap may not in future be the inevitable consequence for a child if the birth is difficult and the baby is starved of oxygen. Doctors at University College Hospital in London have discovered that thousands of babies are left handicapped for life because they were "birth asphyxiated" and until now it had been assumed that nothing could be done to prevent brain damage.

Pill guide

Women attending family planning clinics may finally be able to pick up the Family Planning Association's new leaflet Pills in Perspective next week. The leaflet - also available from family doctors - gives a practical guide to women on what to do in the light of the two recently published scientific studies which linked the combined pill with breast and cervical cancer.

Knife danger

The tragic death of a teenage butcher's boy has prompted doctors from East Birmingham Hospital to warn of the dangers of the trade. Their cautionary tale could equally apply in the kitchen. The boy's knife slipped while he was boning meat and he stabbed himself in the right groin. Although the wound was only small he bled profusely because the femoral artery had been severed. He was working alone and help arrived too late to save his life.

Shell shock

Another warning on the dangers of eating raw shellfish - this time oysters - has come from public health experts. A report in the British Medical Journal describes how hundreds of people who enjoyed Pacific oysters at parties in London - all on the same premises - last January, subsequently paid for the pleasure.

Shell shock

The public health scientists believe that the illness was caused by a virus carried by the oysters and that this was not washed out of the oysters after harvesting, although bacterial contaminants were eradicated. There is an urgent need to find ways of removing viruses from oysters, they say.

Olivia Timbs and Lorraine Fraser

I miss the glow other husbands get at the door

I know when there is a crisis. The bed is empty when I wake in the morning and there is a note on the top of the fridge. It generally contains two pieces of information. First, the unspeakable name of some hotel in an unknown country and second, a list of malfunctions about the house.

clean the carpets (to supervise whom I had to take time off work) allowed the legs of the table to leave brown stains. There has emerged a sort of demarcation line between what is, or rather what she says is, man's work and what isn't. It tends to be the vase-consuming, bearing things that fall to me, while she orders the wine.

For me it constitutes a barrier against making new friends of the right sort. Innocent folk at the office believe that I am married. They come in for a drink but never actually see "her". Wives of course, are expected always to be at home to welcome their men. Mine never is.

It is not like that for a man with a managing director wife. There is no relaxing chat about how little Tristram was late at school and how his friend Samantha next door was found to have mits. Oh, no. She wants his views on the implications of the drop in the price of oil for talcum powder in Italy.

is, take her out to dinner/opera. Outside the home things get even livelier. Madam works for a conglomerate with a human face. From time to time the firm recognizes that great support is given in the home. Invitations are sent personally to join in the fun.

TALKBACK

Late for school?

From Mrs D. A. Robinson, 31 Inglewood, Woking, Surrey I was interested to read Mary Gilbert's Comment "A Right to Learn" (Friday Page, November 18). My daughter, born on June 1, was five years three months old when she started school in September 1982.

No free tickets

From Alan G. Smith, 68 Denmead House, Highcliff Drive, London SW15 I can assure Mrs Virginia Smith (Talkback, November 11) that her distaste for the expression "meal-ticker" is shared by those who, like me, are expected to be paying for it. Nevertheless, that is what it is.

Crumbs

The quantity of fresh breadcrumbs needed for the Christmas pudding recipe published on Wednesday is 170 g (6 oz). White or wholemeal crumbs may be used. We apologise for the omission.

paying the outgoings on the home in which they live. His support will not cease at 16 years as she claims, but when the children reach full-time education, which may be at 16. Whenever it is, their father's legal duty to support them ceases. Why, therefore, should he continue to provide his former wife with free accommodation?

No credit

From Norma Moss, 19 Delaney Street, London NW1 In Talkback (November 9) Sara Bird commented "do you really want your sense of identity to be determined only by what job you do? Isn't that letting someone else decide your reasonable value?"

I am unemployed. I went to a well-known electrical firm to rent a TV. Armed though I was with a cheque, bank card and credit card, when I stated I was a housewife and not employed (what price housework?) I was told that I could not sign the agreement my husband had to come from his office to do it. What does that do for one's sense of identity?

FIRST PERSON

heap of leg shavers, 27 oblong packets containing partly used eye-shadow, a jug containing brushes, pots of blusher, foundation cream, cleanser and moisturizer, soaps of lavender and sticks and sticks of lipstick. The board is the result of a propensity to stock against the next world famine in essentials and a determination to try out all the products of her trade.

Where you left it, darling

is, take her out to dinner/opera. Outside the home things get even livelier. Madam works for a conglomerate with a human face. From time to time the firm recognizes that great support is given in the home. Invitations are sent personally to join in the fun.

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KICKING THE FATAL HABIT

It is with a gleam of success in its eyes that the Royal College of Physicians returns this week to its battle against smoking for the fourth time. Campaigners against the fatal habit complain with reason that it is hard to counter the tobacco industry's lavish expenditure on promotion when their resources are so much smaller...

Smoking may still be by far the most important avoidable source of disease in Britain, and disease associated with it may still be higher here than in most developed countries. But the smoker's vote is not insignificant, while the revenue he provides to the Treasury is very significant indeed. It would be hard indeed to find a source of revenue to replace it. However, it is probably less these calculations than a straightforward reluctance to interfere in market processes which has caused this Government to be so supine about discouraging smoking.

The question of sponsorship is more difficult. It enables the industry to present itself indirectly in association with the healthy pursuits that it has agreed not to exploit in its advertising, and to gain space on television where it is technically banned. The sponsorship is of real benefit to the sporting and cultural worlds, and would be sorely missed. The answer may be to allow sponsorship under a manufacturer's name, but not sponsorship that directly promotes a brand-name. Public policy towards cigarette promotion of all kinds should be one of a steady and progressive diminution in publicity for a product which, unlike alcohol, fast cars and other products which can be abused, causes in normal use both addiction and sharply increased vulnerability to killing disease.

ARMS FOR LATIN AMERICA

The Prime Minister recently warned the United States that a resumption of arms sales to Argentina, before a formal cessation of hostilities, would be strongly resented in Britain. The Americans have now riposted by expressing concern about possible British arms sales to Chile, on the grounds that such sales, by increasing tensions in the Beagle Channel, may hinder Dr Alfonsín's new government in its task of reforming and reducing the Argentine armed forces, and that Chile has a repressive regime.

Sovereign nations buy arms. Contrary to popular belief, most Latin American governments are proportionately low spenders on defence. If Chile chooses to buy this equipment, despite the straits in which her economy finds itself, that is by and large a Chilean affair. Dr Alfonsín may reduce Argentina's military budget, but he is not going to reduce it to nothing. The current North Atlantic fuss about arms for the South should be reduced to its proper proportions: the Anglo-Saxons should abandon their unrealistic poses of tutelage.

That done, there is still cause for comment. Given the British government's attitude to Latin American indebtedness, it is contradictory that this country should encourage the purchase of arms by Chile, the country with the highest per capita debt in the region, while refusing export credit guarantees to Brazil. The contradiction will be noted abroad, even if it escaped notice here.

THE GREENING OF GREENHAM

The disclosure by the Ministry of Defence that its operational nuclear bases are really undercover nature reserves takes a bit of digesting. It is particularly disorientating for the Greens. If the Stone Curlew nests within 25 metres of the main runway at Lakenheath, and if Greenham Common, inside the wire, gives shelter to the threatened Purple Emperor butterfly, the doctrine of deterrence acquires a new dimension. Nuclear weapons that serve to check the global expansion of chemical-based agriculture may have something to be said for them after all.

But has the Ministry thought through its policy? Has this cell of conservationists whose existence is now revealed at the heart of the nation's defence effort been positively vetted? The question has to be asked because of the serious consequences of the operation's falling into the wrong hands.

As every student of the subject knows the law is more expeditious in the investigation of offences against birds than offences against the person. A police constable has power under warrant to search premises for poached birds' eggs but not for a murder weapon. The Police and Criminal Evidence Bill is in

Delusions about rate-capping

From the Chairman of Buckinghamshire County Council Sir, The needs and resources of every local authority are different and if Mr Geoffrey Frisling (November 17) accepts the presumption, as it seems he does, that a few people in the Department of Environment can decide exactly what each authority should spend, he deludes himself. The present ban on block grants shows they cannot.

Soviet response to US missiles

From Mr Spartak Beglov Sir, Your report (November 23) the green light given by the West German Bundestag to the deployment of Pershing-2 and cruise missiles. Serious international repercussions will be triggered off by the deployment of United States first-strike missiles in Europe.

Better bets for Calke Abbey?

From Mr Nicholas Baker, MP for Dorset North (Conservative) Sir, Lord Gibson, Chairman of the National Trust, makes in his letter about Calke Abbey (November 21) a number of assumptions which ought to be questioned. First, the quality of building and contents of Calke Abbey do not, for all the interest of a house where the interior has remained unchanged for many years, come into the same category as, say, Belton House.

Divisions between Church and state

From the Bishop of Jarrow Sir, I am not sure what your leading article, "The way of the Cross" (November 21), is saying, but it appears to me to be once again making what I consider a false dichotomy between the individual and the corporate, the public and the private. They are, given various caveats, opposite sides of the same coin; the incarnation.

Delusions about rate-capping

From Mr J. Beckingham and others Sir, We, all of whom have intimate knowledge of the prejudice and discrimination suffered by disabled people, implore Her Majesty's Government not to block the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons (Amendment) Bill when it returns to the House of Commons for a second reading on Friday of this week.

Historic buildings

From Mr Andrew Selkirk Sir, Many seem to be writing to you to applaud the GLC's Historic Buildings Division and its highly expensive new archaeological service for outer London. Can I give a view from the grass roots by looking at the two boroughs of Camden and Barnet?

Cyprus troubles

From Professor A. A. M. Bryer Sir, Cyprus has troubles enough without Roger Scruton in The Times (November 22). Anyone can get their dates wrong, but to wish upon that unfortunate island not only a patriarchate, but an hereditary

Settle-Carlisle line

From Mr Andrew Connell Sir, As your correspondent, Alan Whitehouse, points out (feature, November 17), British Rail has been driven into a corner in order to sustain the case for the strategic decision to close the Settle-Carlisle line.

The Mosley papers

From Mr A. S. Newsom Sir, Perusal of the documents released by the Public Record Office reveals the weakness of the justification, advanced by the Second General for the 100-year closure when I first raised the issue in February, that they included information which could cause distress to or endanger named individuals or their immediate descendants and material which could not be released on security grounds.

Maternal pride

From Lord Allen of Abbeyleafe Sir, I notice an increasing tendency (from which you yourself, Sir, have not been immune) to refer to the Westminster Parliament, as the Mother of Parliaments.

The Severn barrier

From Dr Geoffrey A. Kellaway Sir, Mr Richard Cottrell (November 19) is correct in saying that considerable difficulty has been experienced in tunnelling beneath the Severn estuary. However the Severn tunnel was constructed between 1873 and 1886 when tunnelling methods and equipment were much less effective than now.

Treasures of the Veneto

A SPECIAL REPORT

Carlo Piro



Titian, Tintoretto and Veronese are the star attractions of *The Genius of Venice 1500-1600*, an exhibition which opens today at the Royal Academy of Arts in London. This Special Report looks at the cultural richness of the Veneto - the region from which nearly all the artists in the exhibition come - ranging from the Roman arena and theatre at Verona in the west to contemporary painting and glass-making in Venice

by John Julius Norwich

The *cinquecento*, the century covered by the exhibition which opens today, shows us the Venetian genius in the fullness of its flowering. The Renaissance had come late to the lagoon. Even in the 1440s, when Bartolomeo Bon completed his gloriously flamboyant entrance to the Doge's Palace, the Porta della Carta, Gothic was still the rule; there was not a single classically-inspired building in the city until Antonio Gambello's triumphal gateway to the Arsenal, erected in 1460. Before that time, Venetian art, whether in the form of painting, sculpture or architecture, must have seemed distinctly quaint to sophisticated young Florentines brought up on Masaccio and Ghiberti, Brunelleschi and Donatello.

There were several reasons for this, and the first lay in the character of the Venetians themselves. Always doers rather than thinkers, they mistrusted abstract theories; their response to beauty was more sensual than intellectual. Architecturally, moreover, they had refined the Gothic style to such a pitch of virtuosity that they were understandably reluctant to abandon it.

It is arguable, too, that they were strongly affected during the middle decades of the century by the new wave of Byzantine influences brought by refugees fleeing from the Turkish advance.

In its formative years, the Republic had always drawn its cultural inspiration from Byzantium rather than Rome, and the Venetians - led by the celebrated Cardinal Bessarion, the former Orthodox Archbishop of Nicaea who had accompanied the Byzantine Emperor to the Council of Florence and had then remained in Italy to become a Prince of the Roman Church - may well have felt more instinctive sympathy with the ideas of recent immigrants than with the humanist teachings of Florence.

But when the Renaissance

came at last to Venice, the city's artists quickly made up for lost time. By the end of the century, thanks to the families of the Bellini and the Vivarini, to Carlo Crivelli and Andrea Mantegna, Venice had become a serious rival to Florence: Cima and Carpaccio, Giorgione and Titian were already at work, as were architects such as the Lombardi, Gambello, Giorgio Spavento and Mauro Coducci.

Even at this early stage, one cannot help noticing how many of these artists were not, strictly speaking, Venetians. Giambattista Cima came from Conegliano in the Alpine foothills, Titian from Pieve di Cadore in the high Dolomites; Mantegna was born near Padua, Giorgione in Castelfranco, Coducci and Palma Vecchio were from Bergamo. The Lombardi were indeed Lombards; equally self-evidently, among the younger generation, Jacopo Bassano was from Bassano del Grappa, Paolo Veronese from Verona. The most influential of all Renaissance architects, Andrea Palladio, was a Paduan who spent his working life in Vicenza. Native-born Venetians, among the artists of the first league, were the Bellini, Crivelli, Carpaccio, Tintoretto and Lorenzo Lotto; but very few others.

This, however, should occasion no surprise. As early as the fourteenth century, Venice had found that she could no longer remain aloof from developments on the mainland. By 1405, she had become mistress of a considerable area of north-eastern Italy, including the cities of Padua, Vicenza and Verona; half a century later her empire extended from the Po to the Alps and from the Adige to only a few miles from Milan - almost to Trieste.

It was for long fashionable to date her decline from the moment that she turned her attention away from Byzantium and the east, the source of her immense commercial prosperity, towards the *terrafirma*



The marriage of city and sea. The view down the Grand Canal towards Santa Maria della Salute, designed by Longhena and built in 1632 to commemorate cessation of the plague.

and the ceaseless turbulence of Italian politics - thereby putting her trust no longer in the sea, the element where she had always been supreme, but rather in the land, to which she had always felt herself a stranger.

In fact, she had little choice: the persistent machinations of her enemies and the need to protect her European markets made her policy the only possible one. It proved, moreover, surprisingly successful: most of her mainland dominion remained Venetian territory until the coming of Napoleon.

It was in the east, and not in the west, that the storm-clouds

were gathering. The fall of Constantinople to the 21-year-old Sultan Mehmet II was only a beginning; on land and sea, the Turks were continuing their westward advance. In 1470 they captured Negropont (Euboea), the Republic's chief colony in the eastern Mediterranean; Leros followed a year or two later, together with nearly all Venetian possessions on the Greek and Albanian mainland; more alarming still, bands of mounted Turkish irregulars had overrun the territory of Friuli immediately north-east of the lagoon, so close that the flames from the burning villages could

be seen from the top of the Campanile di St Mark. In 1480 it was the turn of the Ionian Islands. Venice managed to retain Corfu, but at the end of the century she sustained yet another grievous loss - Modone and Corone, her twin colonies in the south-western Peloponnese.

Thus, as the *cinquecento* began, the Most Serene Republic found itself on the defensive; nor was its morale improved by the recent news that Vasco da Gama had returned safely to Lisbon, having completed the return journey to India by way of the Cape of Good Hope. No longer, it seemed, would Venice represent the principal European terminal for the silk and spice routes to the East. No longer would oriental merchants have to put their trust in slow, plodding camel caravans; in future they would take ship at Lisbon and disembark only at their final destination.

Overnight, Venice had become a backwater - or so at least it was thought at the time. Fortunately the Cape route was found to have problems of its own, and the berths along the Riva were to remain full for another century and more; but Venice's self-confidence had

been dangerously shaken. It is a commonplace of history that nations attain their cultural peak only after their political one is past. We may find it hard to believe that this stunning exhibition portrays a civilization in decline; but the truth is that, of its golden century, the Republic spent the first three decades fighting for its life against most - and occasionally all - of the princes of Europe, and the last seven helplessly watching the remorseless Turkish expansion, during which the ephemeral victory of Lepanto in 1571 was as nothing

compared with the permanent loss of Cyprus the previous year. By 1600 there can have been no doubt in anyone's mind that the great days were over; and although the *Serenissima* was to endure for another two centuries - experiencing, during the first, a brief revival of military glory in the Peloponnese and, during the second, one last flaring of her artistic genius with the great *vedutisti* and the Tiepolos, father and son - those days were never to return. Only the beauty remained.

Lord Norwich is author of *A History of Venice* (Penguin).

Enchantment with every step

What is a museum city? The word museum still conjures up, alas, the picture of what most of them were like 50 years ago, but very few - at least in the western world - are like today: vast, echoing spaces, grey and lifeless, filled with carved stones, stuffed animals and dusty glass cases. In this sense, surely, no city is less of a museum than Venice. Melancholy she may be, particularly on those misty autumnal afternoons when the lagoon is as smooth as oil, the colours fade from the stone and the marble, and the all-pervading

damp chills you to the marrow; but gloomy, never.

If, on the other hand, we are talking about a city in which almost every important building is a work of art, in which it is impossible to walk a hundred yards without some new enchantment to the eye, then Venice is the museum city *par excellence* - with the additional advantage, shared by none of her rivals, that there are no roads to be crossed, no cars or lorries to be avoided, no traffic signs to disfigure or obscure the view. Venice qualifies for the title,

moreover, in one other unique respect. Thanks entirely to those two and a half miles of shallow water which separate her from the mainland - and shallows, be it remembered, provide a far better protection than deeps for any would-be invader - Venice has survived through the centuries as the only Italian city never once to have suffered pillage or destruction at the hands of her enemies.

Even when the army of Napoleon finally sailed, unopposed, across the lagoon and brought the 1,000-year-old

Republic ineluctably to its end, shipping off to Paris countless pictures, sculptures and works of art, the fabric of the city itself was left essentially untouched.

And because that same stretch of water has similarly delivered Venice from the tyranny of the motor car, untouched it remains. This truth is brought home strikingly enough whenever we look at a Guardi or a Canaletto; but we can go back more than twice as far as that - to the end of the fifteenth century, when Gentile Bellini and Vittore Carpaccio were active. The points of difference today are as nothing to the points of similarity. No other city constitutes so astonishing a historical document in its own right, or presents so unchanged a face to the world.

Venice, however, does not live in her past - a subject in which most modern Venetians appear sublimely uninterested. They are far more preoccupied with her future. Is she to survive, and if so how? Nobody wants to see this magical city, once the mightiest power in the Mediterranean, slowly sink into the mud of the lagoon as the waters rise around it and its inhabitants gradually desert it for the *terrafirma*, until at last it is populated only by the tourists and those who cater for them.

Venice would then be a museum city indeed, and a waterlogged one at that. Surely, if she is to continue, it must be as a living, economically viable community, able to hold her own with her mainland neighbours. Inevitably, this entails certain compromises: one cannot, for example, follow the advice of the purists and ban all motorboats from the city; a first-rate public transport system is essential when there is virtually no other kind, nor is it entirely practical to deliver, say, a deep freeze by gondola.

Venice's own system is second unto none, her *vaporetti* punctual to the minute; there are other essentials, however, where her record is less immaculate. Good, low-cost housing for the working population is one: no city can maintain its morale indefinitely when a significant proportion of its inhabitants can expect to find their living-rooms knee-deep in water several times a year.

The other, still more important, since on it Venice's existence ultimately depends, is the construction of the long-awaited gates across the three entrances to the lagoon. Once these are in position and the city made finally safe from the ever more frequent *acqua alta*, the most beautiful city in the world will again be able to face the future not just with hope, but with confidence.

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Alitalia and Culture

Alitalia's contribution to the success of London's art exhibition on the great Venetian painters of the 16th and 17th centuries is not an isolated episode.

In 1960, in fact, among the company's first cultural initiatives was the display of paintings, by the foremost Italian contemporary artists, on board its DC.8 planes, thereby creating full-fledged high altitude art exhibitions.

These art shows at an altitude of 30,000 feet carried the message that Alitalia continues to develop to this day in the areas of culture: that technology and art are not antithetical terms, but rather expressions of that same complex reality which constitutes man as a whole.

These exhibits were followed by similar initiatives in Italy and abroad, attracting visitors from every part of the world, and offering them a fuller understanding of our country's civilization and history.

Particularly worth mentioning among these were the Spoleto "Festival of Two Worlds", the Medici Exhibitions in Florence (illustrating the great influence of the Italian Renaissance on the arts and ideas of the rest of 16th century Europe), Milan's Leonardo da Vinci year, and the Venice Film Festival.

In cinema, Alitalia has long been an active presence, and perhaps not entirely by chance. The film and civil aviation industries are in fact linked by a subtle yet strong bond, to the same core of scientific and technological knowledge.

When, on January 1, 1914, a Benoist seaplane inaugurated the first regular passenger plane service in the U.S.A. the Saint Petersburg-Tampa, Florida line, one could still breathe that atmosphere of exaltation of man's heroic intelligence which had permeated the efforts of the first European and American aviation pioneers. Some even managed to foresee the practical contributions which the new means of transport would have brought to the industrial era.

The cinema as well, from the filming of the workers exiting the Lumiere factory-"Sortie d'Usine", 1895, proposed itself as an instrument capable of interpreting the rhythms of the new industrial society.

In an age of profound social change, both the film and the civil aviation industries have been able to adapt technological advance to the needs of their respective strategies, thus enhancing the complexity and importance of their roles in modern society.

This "consonant" relationship doubtlessly helped Alitalia arrive at the intuition that the cinema, with its immense potential for cultural diffusion, would become the ideal means to arouse public interest in and a favourable attitude toward air transport.

Alitalia's first colour documentary dates back to 1953, only seven years after the founding of the company. The film told the story of a boy that in order to be with his father, was travelling to Brazil, on a Alitalia DC.6B flying the Lisbon/Salt Island route. (It was in that same year, 1953, that the first Conqair 340's and DC.6B's came to be part of the company's fleet).

From that year onward, Alitalia's Film Section has been active in the development of a long series of documentaries and advertising films geared either to the promotion of the more significant aspects of the company's activities, of Italian or foreign tourist sites or to events of particular historical relevance related to the company's name.

Some of these productions have also received international prizes and awards from various festivals and industrial film reviews.

An important application of the company's technology was the endoscopic filming of the bronze equestrian statue of the Emperor Marcus Aurelius, the celebrated ancient roman monument which is the centre piece of the square conceived by Michelangelo on the Capitoline Hill.

This examination by film technique enabled the experts of the National Institute for Restoration to locate the damages which the metal had suffered, to permit repairs invisible to the naked eye, and to get an image of the interior of the horse and bust for inspection of the weldings.

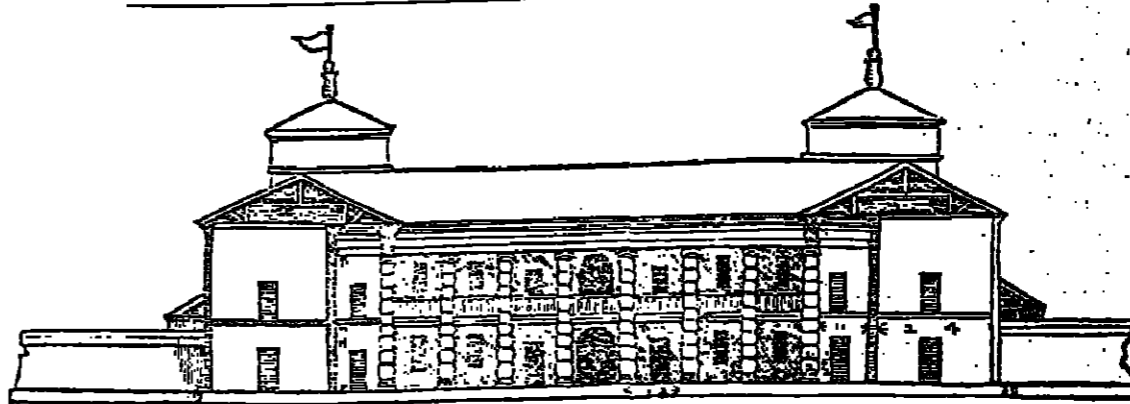
It will be seen that Alitalia's cultural initiatives are not limited to occasional spectacular events, but represent a broad policy aimed at achieving results concerning the company's image as well as its commercial activity.



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As the Venetian Republic expanded westwards, its noblemen invested in the *terraferma* and became involved in agriculture. They and the land-owning gentry of the Veneto towns were to provide patrons for one of the most gifted and influential architects of all time



Villa Sarego: woodcut from Palladio's *I Quattro Libri dell'Architettura*, Venice, 1570

Palladio: a heritage of style



Villa Foscari, called "La Malcontenta"; from *I Quattro Libri*

Born in Padua in 1508, Andrea Palladio was lucky to be young enough to be unaffected by the warfare which struck the Veneto in the early years of the *cinquecento*. In 1509, when he was six months old, the combined forces of the League of Cambrai defeated the Venetians at the Battle of Agnadello and overran most of the Veneto. Only a series of courageous military efforts enabled the Republic to regain its political viability.

Palladio's first works date from the 1530s, when the stability had been restored on the Venetian mainland. By the time of his death in 1580, he had designed two dozen villas. Most of these were catalogued in the second book of his famous treatise, the *Quattro Libri dell'Architettura*, published in Venice in 1570. Not all were built, and several remained unfinished; but the surviving villas stand as impressive monuments to his own genius and to his illustrious patrons.

Palladio was certainly an innovator. However, his designs were also firmly rooted in local architectural traditions. Fifteenth-century villas in the Veneto had ordinarily been fortified, symbolically at least, by towers and roof-top crenellations. In more rural sites, the whole villa, together with its gardens and outbuildings, were protected by a fortified enclosure. The principal legacy of villas such as these to Palladio was the characteristically Venetian convention of the symmetrical, three-part facade.

After the Cambrai Wars, three of Palladio's immediate predecessors began to show how classical architectural language could be more systematically and correctly applied to traditional villa types. The designs of Fausto Veronesi's Villa Vescovi, Sansovino's Villa Garzanti, and Sanmicheli's Villa La Soranza, reveal the impact of these three architects' intensive studies in the ruins of ancient Rome.

Civilisation had to be defended

The adoption of Roman forms in the Veneto was not only a question of architectural fashion; it also served to remind Venetians of their legendary ancestry as refugees from barbarian invasions at the fall of the Roman Empire. The fact that modern Rome had been horrifically sacked by imperial troops in 1527 pointed to an ever-present "barbarian" threat. Civilization had to be defended at all cost, and the revival of classical architecture became one of the most effective vehicles for its expression.

Like the three forerunners just mentioned, Palladio studied assiduously in the ruins of ancient Rome. Indeed, he made no fewer than five visits between 1541 and 1554. However, before the excavations of Pompeii and Herculaneum, few remains of classical domestic buildings were known. Literary sources such as Vitruvius and Pliny provided the only detailed evidence for the villas of the ancients. Palladio's great feat of imagination was to combine his knowledge of the ruins of ancient temples and civic buildings with written information relating to antique villas, and to adapt this synthesis to the practical needs of the Veneto landowner.

In the pages of the *Quattro Libri* Palladio displayed his villas as an impressively unified corpus of works, a series of ingenious variations upon a single theme. Each plan is symmetrically arranged, both inside and out, with a loggia and central hall flanked by large, medium-sized and small rooms on each side. Villas with two main living storeys, generally those sited in or near villages or towns, have gracious staircases, one on each side, in prominent positions. In single-storey villas the stairs are tucked away in inconspicuous corners, since they give access only to the grain-lofts above and to the kitchens and cellars below.

Most of the villas were intended as working farms, with long wings on each side of the owner's residence, containing stables, wine-cellar, shelters for carts and ploughs, and accommodation for the farm manager. Dovecotes often marked the ends of the side wings, as in the Villa Emo and the Villa Barbaro, to add interest to the long, low profile, as well as to supply birds for the owner's table.

pediment above, is once again quite individual.

Towards the end of his career, Palladio became increasingly involved with theories of harmonic proportion. In a series of late works he managed to invent designs in which almost every dimension could be incorporated into a series of musical ratios. One example is the design for the Villa Sarego at Santa Sofia, for a Veronese family active in *avant-garde* musical circles.

It is a measure of Palladio's capacity for innovation that it was not until his reputation had long been established in the countryside and in his adopted home town of Vicenza that the conservative Venetian ruling class dared to employ him in their own city.

Deborah Heward

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VENINI

The Genius of Venice in the art of Glass making



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MARKET REPORT by Michael Clark



The electrical sector received a much needed boost yesterday when the local authority-owned Hull telephone service announced it was opting for the British designed System X...

£25m boost for System X

The absence of support from US investors, who were busy celebrating Thanksgiving, meant it was left up to new time support for the next account to supply the interest.

Speculative support was good for 16p on Amos Hinton at 226p, which United Scientific climbed 17p to 353p ahead of figures next month.

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It's been a gloomy time of late for Horizon Travel as it continues to lose ground in the holiday price war...

The FT Index closed 2.4 higher at 2768.8. Gilt showed falls of up to 50p after the Government broker announced that the latest issue of Exchequer 2 1/2 per cent 1986 had been undersubscribed with all applications allotted in full.

S, G Warburg is placing the National Coal Board's 30 per cent stake in Associated Heat Services. The 2.4 million shares are being placed with institutions at 312p-24p below last night's closing price of 336p.

Hogg Robinson yesterday split out the benefits of its £1.8m acquisition of lawmaking travel group Wakefield Fortune. Mr Chris Price, a director of Hogg Robinson, said the move would add 50 per cent to group turnover overnight and could lead to a substantial boost to profits in 1985.

A statement from Touche Remnant said this move was part of the parent group's policy of gradually eliminating cross-holdings between its 10 investment trusts. The shares were placed by broker de Zoete & Bevan 7p below Wednesday's price of £130.

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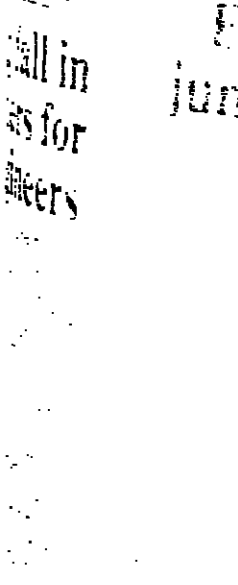
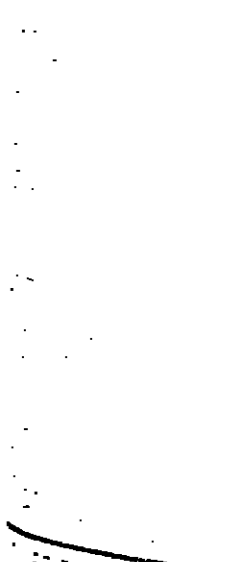
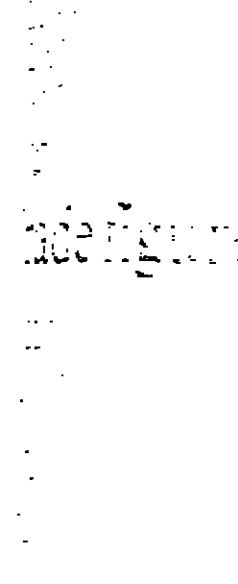
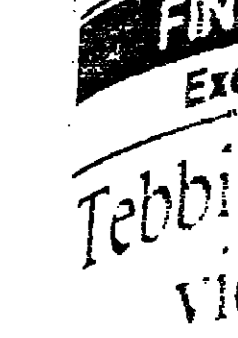
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Japan Two: Graham Searjeant and John Lawless look at the export circus

Shadow boxing that keeps export drives in low gear

A bizarre event took place in Kensington's Royal Garden Hotel last week. A group of Japanese businessmen and retailers, headed by Mr Yohei Mimura, president of Mitsubishi Corporation, conducted a seminar for British businessmen to help them export to Japan.

That any manufacturing country should actually encourage competitive imports is extraordinary enough despite the £2.5 billion trade gap. The response of the invited British audience, three times larger than expected, was, on the surface, even more amazing. After the Japanese had spent an hour lecturing their guests on how to tackle the notorious - if not obviously too different - Japanese distribution system, how to get involved in joint ventures and win royalties by licensing technology, the British simply complained. They had heard it all before, they said. Unless letting off steam is a great boon to international trading relations, the meeting could not be called a success. The reactions of the nine

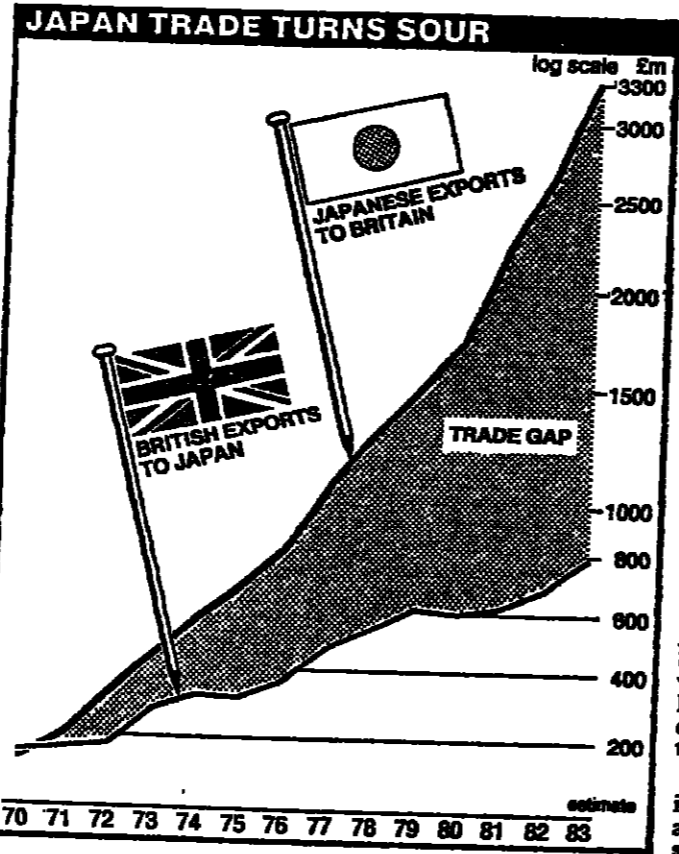
task for the sake of machinery exporters. Since Britain is still running an overall trading surplus, it has no logical trade grievance against Japan. The existence of an imbalance between two individual countries is an irrelevance, an intrinsic element in a multilateral world trade system.

If there is a problem it lies not in imports from Japan so much as the failure of exports to Japan to match the potential of a single market of 115 million people with high discretionary spending power.

Why is this so? For some time, exporters have not been able to complain about Japanese tariffs. Though these are still skewed against certain exportable products, the old protection has long gone. In cars for instance, Japan levies no tariff, though we levy more than 10 per cent.

The emphasis then switched to non-tariff barriers. At the seminar, for instance, BL's Mr Ray Horrocks, who sells a negligible 1,200 Jaguars and 400 Minis a year to Japan (about the same as 10 years ago) explained that he had "a superb relationship with Honda. But once you get head-to-head with Japanese administration and bureaucracy, you have enormous problems.

Once when we put an additional serial number on to our engine block, they stopped our car. And when Lucas changed the serial number on one component within a lamp



Britain and Europe regard Japan as a market consonant in importance with its position as the world's number two economy.

There are, for instance, more than 10 times as many Japanese business people working in the European Community countries as European traders in Japan. The British export marketing centre in Tokyo, a brainchild of the Heath era, has close, despite Japanese aid in recent years.

It should be said, however, that the trade department's Export to Japan unit is one of its most vigorous and the only one devoted to a single country.

Perhaps the biggest cultural factor behind the trade imbalance is the language barrier. English has been Japan's first foreign language since the war. Yet in Britain, only four British universities have schools of Japanese, some of those aided by Japan. The first sign that we were taking the Japanese market seriously would be a rapid explosion of Japanese language teaching in this country.

Britain sells about £800m of industrial and consumer goods annually to Japan, with a highly successful trade in pharmaceuticals and ethnic luxury goods from cashmere to dachshunds.

The biggest opportunities in the Japanese market lie in food. Perhaps, despite the bluster, Britain's exporters are right to give greater priority to Europe, the Middle East and rising Commonwealth markets.

'There must be positive discrimination to help imports'

As hard-headed new British Overseas Trade Board study of opportunities for Anglo-Japanese joint ventures in the transport sector, while pointing to specialized markets for fire-fighting vehicles and the like, warns that "we cannot overstate the problems in the long and difficult task of pursuing these opportunities. Anyone with the

lack of will, finance and perseverance to commit themselves fully would be well advised not to attempt it." Between the lines, the report implies that the best hope is to form joint ventures to neutralize Japanese encroachment in existing third country markets.

Some of the complaints at last week's seminar point the same way. Japan's motor distributors, it seems, are already tied up with Japanese firms. Middle managers, who often make the real purchasing decisions, need re-educating to accept imports.

Yet these are precisely the conditions which prevailed in Britain a generation ago, until industrial decay had design and unreliable, strike-hit domestic supplies opened the way for a re-consideration of foreign goods. Given these problems, it is clear that if British industry was to make any concerted assault on the Japanese market, it would have to adopt the tactics employed by Japanese industry.

We would set up substantial presence on the ground in

English is Japan's first foreign language

Japan. We should exploit our many superb but under-promoted international brand names to sell a wider range of goods.

And we should adopt the rifle-shot approach, targeting certain areas for export pushes by a combination of collaborating firms.

Ironically, Japan's huge appetite for eating humble pie as a cheap method of appeasing European industry tends to deter any such heroic assault by offering the ever-tantalizing prospect of unofficial protection against Japanese imports on the one hand and red carpet treatment for our goods on the other.

Japan's government and industry is highly cautious. It might be better if they took a more aggressive line, refusing to renew voluntary restraint agreements and challenging Europe to live up to its formal free trade policy.

Only when all hopes of protectionism are gone will European businessmen be forced to stop whingeing and and take the Japanese market seriously.

London in late bid to make its mark

A meeting at the House of Commons today will attempt to create a rallying force to bring a new EEC agency to London. The Prime Minister is keen to have the agency - the Community Trade Marks Office - in this country. It would be a manifestation of the British commitment to the EEC (and vice versa) and a small but visible demonstration of the benefits to Mrs Thatcher's electorate of Community membership.

Trade marks are a motif or wording registered by a manufacturer and used to make products immediately recognizable. A trade mark is valuable property, and so is the trade marks office. The Commission believes it would handle more than 15,000 "proceedings" a year. It would employ about 200 people, but perhaps another 1,800 would be employed in the offices of trade mark agents and lawyers.

But the case for London has been put forward timidly and with a lack of coordination. London is far from being a favourite to receive the office.

Today's late rallying call has been organized by Iain Mills, the Conservative MP for Meriden, West Midlands, and parliamentary private secretary to Mr Norman Tebbit, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry. He has invited the Lord Mayor of London, peers, MPs, MEPs, trade mark agents and big trademark holders in industry.

Mr Mills wants the participants to form a national committee for the siting of the trade mark office in London. It would then "call a meeting of anybody who is interested, and get the entire three sections - commerce and industry, the trade marks profession and Parliament - all working together".

The siting of the new office is likely to be settled within six months. But a visitor to the office of the EEC Commissioner responsible for the office, Herr Karl-Heinz Narjes, comes away with the impression that London, the home of not one EEC institution, has a long way to go to catch up other European cities.

The Hague is being spoken of as a front runner, but Munich is also a strong contender. Five years ago, the

EEC patent office went to Munich after another uncoordinated attempt by Britain. Having the patent office is one advantage that Munich has over London in the present battle. Another is the understanding between the German Chancellor, Herr Kohl, and the Bavarian leader, Herr Strauss - and the understanding between them and the German business community a commitment and an ability to press hard in Brussels for the trade mark office to be sited in Munich.

So tempting is the office that a number of other British cities, among them Birmingham, Manchester and Swansea, put in bids at one time or another. This was embarrassing for the Government since it had already told Brussels that London was its preferred site. Until the office is set up, manufacturers must register - and protect - their trade mark in each of the 10 EEC countries, each with its own language and procedures. Most applicants to the British office are EEC companies.

In this country, Trade Mark No. 1, registered when the Department of Trade's registry opened in 1876, was the red triangle which adorns the labels of Bass beers. No. 2 was another drinks company, the Monastery of La Grande Chartreuse, followed by the King of Saxony who was determined to protect in Britain the marks used by the "Royal manufactory of Meissen".

The sixteenth mark, registered eight years ago, was by Pierre Fabre, a French pharmaceutical company.

Mrs Thatcher is having circulated copies of the Greater London Council's pitch for the office. Given that the Government is pledged to abolishing the GLC, the document could become a collector's item.

Yet neither Mrs Thatcher nor Mr Tebbit can argue in Brussels... as the Germans can... that they "cannot" give ground because they are being leached on by MPs, in turn under pressure from trade mark agents and trade holders.

Ross Davies

The meeting could not be called a success

Japanese businessmen on the Japanese Market Access Promotion Mission ranged from philosophical cheerfulness among those well-versed in the ways of the West to the suppressed anger of some to whom this was a new experience.

But it was good training on relatively welcoming ground. The circus then flew off to Brussels and four other European industrial centres. It was Paris they were really dreading.

That all these leading businessmen were prepared to jet round the world taking such punishment shows how seriously Japan takes the threat of protectionism posed by its hefty trade surpluses with America, Britain and the rest of the European Community.

A large proportion of key Japanese exports are subject to discriminatory quota restrictions throughout the great citadels of free trade and the political pressures are growing greater daily.

The mission also underlined a cohesiveness in Japan Limited that many see as the heart of the problem. It is inconceivable that British or American store owners would undertake such a

It was Paris the Japanese businessmen were dreading

assembly we fitted, they did the same thing.

Mr Keinosuke Inazuki of the Japan Automobile Importers Association could plausibly deflate this argument as largely a thing of the past. And Japan's Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) can point to its trade ombudsman, charged with investigating com-

plaints of bureaucratic obstructions, to its current review of standards and testing procedures, or to its 124 business consultants stationed in European cities to aid the distressed would-be importer.

That leaves a general feeling of sheer frustration as European exporters are urged to be patient and try harder. "British companies export something like 30 per cent of our GNP yet we find it extraordinarily difficult to export to Japan," charged the CBI's Mr Ken Edwards. "There must be positive discrimination to encourage imports".

JETRO, the Japan External Trade Organization, which is undergoing a schizophrenic about-face from export to import promotion can even provide answers to that. Japan has recently introduced an interest rate subsidy for importers. The prime minister Mr Nakasone himself earlier this year appealed to incredulous

Japanese people for their "understanding and co-operation in welcoming foreign manufactured goods and investment", not a plea too many democratic politicians would hazard in election year.

Yet the Nomura Research Institute is still forecasting a rise from \$7 billion to \$21 billion in Japan's current account balance of payments this year, with only a marginal fall next year.

Leaving America's self-imposed exchange-rate handicap to one side, is there any reason why Japan, as the champion industrial country, should not run a continuing trade surplus matched by investment abroad, just as Britain did in the old days?

Perhaps the emphasis on exports to Japan should be seen merely as an elaborate form of shadow-boxing, a proxy for the real battle to limit (or safeguard) Japanese exports.

There is little evidence that

THE CRIMING THE WORLD'S LARGEST WALL... (This section contains a large, dense grid of financial data, likely a stock market listing or index, covering various sectors and companies. The text is too small to transcribe accurately.)

Drought boosts Borthwick profits

By Vivien Goldsmith
Thomas Borthwick & Sons Year to 2.10.1983
Pretax profit £3.8m (£288,000)
Share price 25p 0.057

Thomas Borthwick and Sons... drought in Australia and New Zealand... drought in Australia and New Zealand...

But as the company predicted when it announced half-year profits of £3.09m for the six months to April, the vast bulk of these profits were earned at the beginning of the year. This was due to the disastrous drought in Australia and New Zealand...

Mr Brian Lund, the financial director, said the second half figures were better than he had expected. The Australian division made a slight profit over the whole year.

A nominal dividend of 0.01p is being paid to retain eligibility for investment by trustees.

Beef trading from New Zealand made profits which offset the earlier losses made on old season's lamb.

Midland Cattle Products, which makes suet, lard and dripping, managed to profit as did the bakery division. Overall turnover was marginally higher at £539.85m as opposed to £536.23m last year. The shares were unchanged at 25p.

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Channel 4 losses cannot go on, warns LWT chief

By Jeremy Warner
The losses of Channel 4 television cannot be allowed to continue for much longer, Mr John Freeman, the outgoing chairman of London Weekend Television has warned in a strongly worded critique of the effects of the new channel on independent television finances.

Authority to apply the tournament... It was recently confirmed that the 15 independent television companies will have to pay an additional £20m to cover the costs of the new channel next year. This is on top of this year's £123m plus £5m of interest.

SE ruling may hit Americans

By Michael Prest
The Government will introduce next spring an order empowering it to implement harmonization of British Stock Exchange rules and listing requirements with the Commission's minimum criteria.

likely to be affected than British. Since many of the directives' requirements are already standard practice in London, little should change for British companies. But it would be different for American companies. Those listed on either the New York or American Stock Exchange are now deemed to meet most of London's listing requirements.

Mexico to sell back companies

Mexico City (Reuters) - The Mexican Government, which last year nationalized banks and their subsidiaries, will soon begin selling 400 bank-owned companies back to the private sector, Senator Jesus Silva Herzog, the Finance Minister, reported.

In September, 1982, the state took over the entire banking system to stop the flight of capital as it implemented an urgent austerity programme to combat a crippling foreign debt of \$85bn (£58bn).

In an apparent attempt to dispel fears among businessmen that the government was moving towards a state-run economy, Senator Silva Herzog stressed that the cabinet had decided to retain control of the 400 companies.

Base Lending Rates
ABN Bank 9%
Barclays 9%
BCCI 9%
Citicorp 10 1/2%
Consolidated Crds 9%
Continental Trust 9%
Hoare & Co 9 1/2%
Lloyds Bank 9%
Midland Bank 9%
Nat Westminster 9%
TSB 9%
Williams & Glyn's 9%

WALL STREET table with columns for various stocks and their prices.

Board changes at Unilever

Unilever Mr F. A. Maljers is to succeed Mr H. F. van den Hoven as chairman of Unilever NV and as a vice-chairman of Unilever PLC from next May.

United Rans Merchants Mr P. M. Raeburn is now commercial director. He continues as commercial director of URN (International).



Mr F. A. Maljers: appointed from next May

BAT Industries: Mr John Worledge, an executive director of BAT Industries and deputy chairman of the Wiggins Teape Group will become vice-chairman of Wiggins Teape on January 1, in preparation for the retirement of Mr Patrick Best next October. Mr Worledge remains chairman of Mardon Packaging International and a director of British-American Tobacco. Mr Alex Halliday, chief executive - UK operations of Wiggins Teape, will be appointed managing director of Mardon Packaging International on January 1, succeeding Mr Worledge who continues as chairman. Mr Halliday remains on Wiggins Teape board as a non-executive director. Mr John Berry will replace Mr Halliday as chief executive - UK operations of Wiggins Teape. Mr Berry will also join the board of Wiggins Teape (UK).

Law Report November 25 1983 House of Lords

Any building alteration is zero-rated for VAT

Customs and Excise Commissioners vs Viva Gas Appliance Ltd
Before Lord Diplock, Lord Fraser of Tullybelton, Lord Scarman and Lord Bridge of Harwich
[Speeches delivered November 24]

The words "alteration... of any building" in the meaning of item 2, group 8, Schedule 4 of the Finance Act 1972 should not be construed as excluding any work upon the fabric of the building which is not a structural alteration or a demolition or a reconstruction.

The words in question were in the description of item 2 of group 8 of the Schedule which bore the heading "Construction of Buildings etc".

From the judgment of Mr Justice Forbes who was in the majority in the appeal, it appeared that the preferred glosses, all three of which were cumulative were that the alteration of the structure or fabric of the building meant (1) the demolition or reconstruction of the building as a whole (2) "have some degree of permanence" and (3) be "irreversible".

Mr Justice Forbes rejected all three glosses and it was instructive to see from his judgment how the argument advanced by him in favour of gloss (1), which alone concerned their Lordships, was developed. It provided an object lesson in the misuse of judicial statements made in contexts which were dissimilar.

The adjective "structural" as qualifying the noun "alteration" did not itself appear at all in the statutory words to be construed. The noun appeared and might easily have been expressed in some such words as "alteration of the fabric" of the building.

The expression "structural alteration" had however, appeared in an earlier case, which was a wholly different purpose, the Leasehold Reform Act 1967, where the context in which the expression was to be found was "any improvement made (to a dwelling house held on a long lease) by the tenant... amounting to structural alteration, extension or addition".

First, there were cases in which a gas appliance was fitted into a fire which already existed which had been used or was designed to be used for the consumption of solid fuel.

In such cases it would be necessary to break out the firebrick fireback which had been built into the fireplace in such a way as to become an integral part of it and had no possibility of being removed otherwise than by its total destruction. Clearly, some degree of structural work or demolition was involved.

Galliford plc
Year ended 30th June 1983
Turnover 68,880
Pre-tax profit 2,883
Dividends for the year 3p per share of 5p
Ten Year Performance
Turnover +370%
Pre-tax profit +263%
Dividends +368%

Extel Group
DRAMATIC IMPROVEMENT
INTERIM RESULTS (unaudited)
Six Months to 30th Sept. 1983 69,607
Six Months to 30th Sept. 1982 57,889
Year to 31st March 1983 125,837

Company owners can steal from it
Attorney General's Reference (No 2 of 1983)
Before Lord Justice Watkins and Lord Justice Kerr
[Opinion delivered November 24]

Botham takes up command of a variegated flock at Somerset

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent
The announcement on Wednesday that Surrey were making a change of captain - Geoff Howarth for Roger Knight - was followed yesterday by the news from Somerset that Ian Botham is to take over from Brian Rose.

Botham replaces Rose
1981, he has a burning ambition to get the England job back, to prove that he can do it. He could hardly have had it at a more testing time.

Vengsarkar scores his eighth Test century

Bombay (Reuters) - Dilip Vengsarkar scored his eighth Test match century yesterday as India lost the better of the opening day of the fourth Test against the West Indies here.

It was Vengsarkar's second consecutive Test century, achieved off 135 balls in 201 minutes. He was out caught in the gully trying to square cut Davis having hit 13 fours.

Vengsarkar and Gaekwad, who made 48 in 148 minutes, came together in a controversial decision before the start of the innings.

After tea India's batting became laborious. Shastri offered little for the New South Wales Open title with a 62, 62 victory over her fellow Briton, Anne Hobbs.

McEnroe says all umpires are bad



McEnroe: up in arms over umpires who shake his confidence

Canberra (Agencies) - John McEnroe talked yesterday about the look of fear to the faces of umpires when he walked onto the court before a match.

Facing a barrage of questions from reporters here after beating the Australian, Paul McNamee, 6-1, 6-1 in a round-robin tournament, McEnroe said he was not going to get umpires who are confident in themselves, that know the players they are dealing with.

De La Hunty breaks British track record

From Chris Moore in Königsee
For the third time this week Tom De La Hunty broke the British track record at Königsee yesterday to establish himself as a firm favourite for the two-man event at the British bobsleigh championships.

Seeds fall but Miss Durie grows in stature

Sydney (Reuters) - Jo Durie established herself as the favourite in the quarter-finals of the LTA's international satellite event at the Ace Tennis Centre, Coventry, yesterday.

Miss Daniels suffers in silence and triumphs

Liz Jones, the only British player in the quarter-finals of the LTA's international satellite event at the Ace Tennis Centre, Coventry, yesterday.

Boysleigh

We can only enter two crews on the Olympics, and only two to whom we will actually compete.

Fishing

Three moderate cheers for the news of Scottish salmon. Once the news of off and the rain came in September, the fish were scarce.

Gamble on Tweed beats could still pay dividends

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RACING: BRADLEY SWITCHES TO MIDNIGHT LOVE IN HENNESSY

Plundering's cup victory helps Francome forget his fine

By Michael Phillips, Racing Correspondent
Yesterday's thaw came too late to save the programme at Haydock Park, but at least Wincanton benefited from the rise in temperature.

Dickinson relies on Marnik

By Michael Seely
Graham Bradley will ride Midnight Love for Deans Smith in tomorrow's Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup at Newbury following a disappointing gallop by Ashley House yesterday.

Stanford colt brightens a dank day

From Simon O'Loughlin
Newmarket
The other face of the bloodstock market was in evidence at Newmarket's December Sales yesterday when a sizeable proportion of those submitted to the auctioneer were selling failed to cover their cost of production.

Trethowan's gloomy forecast

British racing could face a financial crisis by 1985 unless bookmakers increase their contributions. That is the view of Sir Ian Trethowan, chairman of the Horse-race Betting Levy Board.

Newbury

- Going: FIRM
1.0 Double 2.0, 3.0. Treble 1.30, 2.30, 3.30.
1.0 FRESHMANS HURDLE (Div 1: 3-y-o novices: £1,371; 2m 100yd) 7 runners

Leicester

- Going: FIRM
12.45 BEGINNERS HURDLE (Div 1: 3-y-o novices: £690; 2m) 10 runners

Newbury selections

- 1.0 Jowoody, 1.30 Fred Pittner, 2 Bashful Lad, 2.30 Aces Wild, 3.0 Bright Cassia, 3.30 Paris North.

Leicester selections

- 12.45 The Shiner, 1.15 Kristian, 1.45 Another Platier, 2.15 Roadster, 2.45 Alfie Dickens, 3.15 Tiglio.

Results from Wincanton

- 1.0 FRESHMANS HURDLE (Div 1: 3-y-o novices: £2,782; 2m) 7 runners
LUCKY GEORGE by j by Baragon - Julia's Barnaby (Groomer) Al Abu Khamsin (B) R Lacey (7-1) - 5

Big increases at Goffs

Goffs five-day breeding stock sale came to a close yesterday with big increases in aggregate and average.

Leicester results

- 1.45 SILVER BELL CHASE (Handicap: £1,500; 3m) (7)
ALBANYVILLE PLUS (Dr R Brown) 11-10 - 4 J O'Neill

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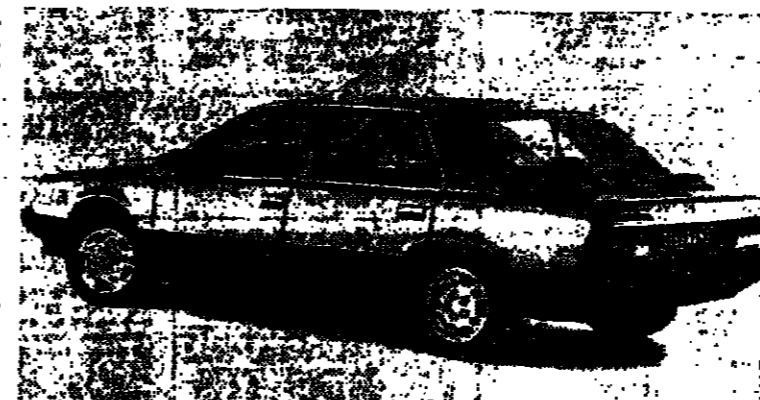
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Car Buyer's Guide

Motoring by Clifford Webb

25 may be a lucky number for Renault



Renault 25: Combined hatchback and saloon.

Renault's top-of-the-range models, the Renault 25 and 30 have been looking rather dated for some time now. After all they have been around since 1975 and in the interim the competition has stolen a march with a number of exciting quality cars such as the Audi 100. So today's news that the company is fighting back with a sleek new top-line, the Renault 25, will be good news for dealers, who cannot be happy with Renault's present 3.5 per cent market share in Britain.

But the Renault 25 will need all the advantages it can scrape together if it is to win sales in the quality car sector. Only five years ago that sector accounted for more than 22 per cent of all the cars sold in Europe. Recent figures suggest that it has now fallen to 16. In Germany, the biggest quality market of all, the sector fell from 36 per cent to 27 and in France from 19 per cent to 12 per cent. Last year in Britain it averaged 13 per cent but even in its reduced strength that is well over 200,000 cars each, with a bigger profit potential than most numerous down-market models.

The smoothness is probably due to subtle changes in engine mounts and drive shafts but a 20 per cent better fuel consumption is harder to explain. A clue is to be found in Orion's 5mph higher top speed with the same engine and gear ratios. Clearly Orion's longer length and improved aerodynamics make it more slippery, and consequently more efficient.

But it will also affect Sierra sales by attracting those conservative buyers who might eventually have been persuaded to go for the bigger car as familiarity with the increasing numbers of Sierras now reaching our roads overcame initial misgivings.

Vital statistics

Model: Orion Ghia 1.6. Engines: 1,597cc. Price: £7,235. Performance: Max speed 104mph; 0-60mph, 10.2secs. Official consumption: Urban, 33.2mpg; 56mph, 54.3; 75mph, 40.4mpg. Length: 13.75ft. Insurance: Group 4.

Next year Renault aims to improve its share of the quality car market from 5 per cent to 9 per cent. It blames the decline that sector as much on standardized and stereotyped cars as on inflated purchase prices and operating costs. It remains to be seen how effective the Renault 25 will be in breaking away from the "pack".

'Son of Cortina'

Many motorists seeing Ford's new Orion for the first time are apt to dismiss it as "just an Escort with a boot" or "son of Cortina". Both are correct to a point, but once behind the wheel the differences are significant enough to warrant Orion's quite separate identity. The fact that it is already being labelled as Cortina's successor instead of

Escort owners driving an Orion for the first time are liable to become disenchanted with their present model. In many ways the newcomer is the Escort that should have been. Changes to steering lay out and suspension have solved Escort's choppy ride and heavy steering. The improvement is so noticeable that one wonders how long it will be before the changes are repeated on Escort.

My only real complaint is its handling at high speed. There is a nagging feeling of sloppiness in its straight line steering which, if not worrying in itself, does not make for relaxed motorway journeys in what I considered to be moderate cross wind conditions yet Orion veered off line so frequently that I found myself tiring from the combination of extra concentration and firm grip on the steering wheel that was needed to counter it.

Ford has made no bones about its plan to keep Orion up-market of Escort to extend their joint coverage, but the life of me I cannot see why the Orion Ghia 1.6 should cost more than £500 on top of the equivalent Escort. I have always believed that Ford's Ghia models are over priced, but a gap that big takes some justifying.

Another improvement, which impresses me as the long term user of an Escort 1.6, is Orion's much more frugal use of fuel. The 1.6 Ghia model I drove for a week recently returned a conservative 36mpg compared with 28 to 30mpg for my own Escort. Moreover, the Orion, with identical power unit, much smoother with less of the "knacker" and harshness in the transmission which mars slow speed changes on the Escort.

For some time now I have been sold on the idea of a combined hatchback/saloon offering the greater safety of the saloon's boot, but without the big overhang of the conventional boot as typified for so long by the Cortina. The Renault 25 uses a variation of the folding rear seat scheme to enlarge the luggage space and suggest that the hatchback saloon configuration is one of the main reasons the 25 is so slippery. It will not be officially launched until the Geneva motor show in March but, as with most car makers these days, Renault has released photographs and sufficient details to whet the appetite. It will not be available in Britain until the summer and I doubt whether Renault will send all eight versions here or restrict them to two as with the present 2.1 litre 20X and the 2.7 litre 30TX.

It will have a choice of five engines from two litres to 2.7 litre V6 fuel injected with a top speed of 124mph and including two diesels. None of the engines is new, already figuring in existing models.

To cater for a range of power units, which differ considerably in length, the engines are mounted longitudinally and

Ford Orion Ghia: Attractive to business user.

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Ford Orion Ghia: Attractive to business user.

Lancia advertisement featuring the Lancia logo and text about the Lancia Beta 2000.

General advertisement for Rover cars, including the Rover 95 and 950.

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HOLIDAYS AND VILLAS. WORLDWIDE HOLIDAYS WINTER SUN/SPECIAL INTEREST. Bahamas, Barbados, Mexico, India...

PERSONAL COLUMNS. HOLIDAYS AND VILLAS. FLAT SHARING. MARVELLON. Pro centennial to share luxurious flat...

INTERVIEWERS. Interviewers, aged 21 to 60, required for part-time temporary survey work...

PARLIAMENTS - GREAT BRITAIN. GENERAL POWERS. Notice is hereby given that the Greater London Council...

BIRTHS. ANLEY on 22nd November to Sarah and Alan...

IN MEMORIAM. AHUWALLA - In memory of Dr. V. Ahuwalla...

ITALY. Pilgrimage - Air Ltd. Return prices from (inc tax): Milano £85, Palermo £110...

FOR SALE. 10 SUPER QUALITY Sheridan style reproduction mahogany dining chairs...

RENTALS. ASHLEY GARDENS, SW1. Very light and spacious fourth floor flat...

SHORT LETS. SERVICE APARTMENTS in Central London...

JOAN TREE AGENCY. We currently have 2000 opportunities for bright young secretaries...

CREME DE LA CREME. TATE GALLERY SHOP. Experienced Assistant required to replace long serving member...

DEATHS. BEAUCHEUR - On November 22nd at home, Aubrey W. Beaucheur...

DEATHS. BURTON GEORGE SNEVELLOF. Passed peacefully at his home...

LOW COST FLIGHTS. NATIONS AIRWAYS. LBA, D. AFRIKA, CANADA, AUSTRALIA...

RENTALS. SUPERIOR FLATS & HOUSES available and required for diplomats...

RENTALS. KNIGHTSBRIDGE - Well equipped 2 bed room flat...

PROPERTY. NORTH ESSEX. Quiet and rural 2 bed room bright flat...

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PROPERTY. NORTH OF THAMES. CENTRAL LONDON. Lush new house...

DEATHS. FITZROY - On November 23rd, 1983, peacefully at home...

DEATHS. GOGGIN. On November 22nd in the 87th year, at home...

RENTALS. HAMPSHIRE AND ALL. 7/200000. 2 bed room flat...

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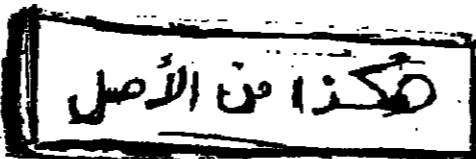
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Today's television and radio programmes

Edited by Peter Daville



BBC 1
00.00 Breakfast News and information service, available on all television sets...

ITV-am
8.25 Good Morning Britain: with Anne Diamond and Nick Owen. Today's Friday special...



Dinsdale Landon and Clive Swift in Events in a Museum (BBC 2, 9.25pm)

CHOICE
(If you love the statues in (you love the statues in...)

BERLIN REQUIEM, which Christopher Bruce has choreographed to Kurt Weill's music...

BBC 2
9.05 Daytime on Two. Today's line-up of educational programmes...

ITV/LONDON
9.25 Thames news headlines; 9.30 For Schools: The Domesday...

BBC 2 (cont.)
9.35 News Summary; with subtitles for the hard of hearing...

CHANNEL 4
5.00 The Munnabers Horror film spoof, with a strong feminist...

Radio 4
6.30 News Briefing; 6.30 News Summary; 6.45 Prayer for the Day...

BBC 2 (cont.)
10.00 News at Ten; 10.30 The London Programme: The growing battle over the shape...

ITV/LONDON (cont.)
11.00 Continental Movie: No Pleureaux (1979) Drama, made in France...

BBC 2 (cont.)
11.20 What the Center Saw: The Killing of Senator Gore (1958) Robert Aldrich's somewhat...

CHANNEL 4 (cont.)
10.00 The Paul Hogan Show: with the Australian comedian and his escort of pretty girls...

Radio 4 (cont.)
6.55 Weather; 7.00 News; 7.55 Morning Concert: part one...

BBC 1 WALES, 12.57-1.00pm News of Wales; 1.01-1.30pm News of Wales...

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS
CHANNEL 4: 12.30pm-1.00 Consider Yourselves; 1.01-1.30pm Consider Yourselves...

Radio 3
6.55 Weather; 7.00 News; 7.55 Morning Concert: part one...

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS (cont.)
GRAMPIAN: As London except; 12.30pm-1.00 Consider Yourselves...

Radio 2
News on the hour (except 8.00pm and 8.30pm); major bulletins 7.00am, 8.00am, 9.00am...

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS (cont.)
BORDER: As London except; 12.30pm-1.00 Consider Yourselves...

ENTERTAINMENTS
BARRACLOUGH 01-628 8798; DOMINION 01-222 3174; DUKE OF YORKS 01-636 6122; KINGS HEAD 01-261 1914; LYRIC THEATRE 01-252 3284; PALACE 01-437 6327; PRINCE OF WALES 01-252 3284; STRATFORD-UPON-AVON 01-219 1211; THEATRE 01-252 3284; WINDMILL 01-252 3284...

